



Objection 5

Ned O. Strange

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Additional information: I am not a resident of Victoria. This objection refers only to Division names, and only to the names of five specific Divisions.

Objections of Ned O. Strange to the Proposed Victorian Redistricting

I am a resident of the ACT with a strong interest in government and redistricting. This objection refers to the names of the proposed Divisions of Wannon, Cox (now Corangamite), Macnamara (now Melbourne Ports), Monash (now McMillan), and Nicholls (now Murray). This objection does not take any position on boundaries.

I support the Committee's proposed renaming of the former Division of Corangamite to 'Cox' on the grounds that Lake Corangamite is not included within the proposed Division's area. However, given the status of Corangamite as a federation Division, I strongly object to the Committee's maintenance of the name of the Division of Wannon. Given the fact that Wannon now would contain all of Corangamite shire and Lake Corangamite, and the fact that the Guidelines dictate a strong preference against the removal of federation names, I would rename the Division of Wannon to the Division of Corangamite.

I object to the Committee's proposed renaming of the former Division of Melbourne Ports to 'Macnamara'. Melbourne Ports is a federation name, and should be maintained at any reasonable cost. The Division may have recently acquired an urban flavour, but the Division's flavour is irrelevant. The Division still contains Port Melbourne, so the name is not an inaccurate geographical descriptor. As a federation Division, that should be enough.

I object to the Committee's proposed renaming of the Division of Murray to 'Nichols'. Divisions should be renamed only under very special circumstances. The Murray river still forms the border of this Division. True, geographical names are disfavoured for new districts, but Murray is an old district. The mere fact that the name of Murray has the same meaning as the name of Indi is not a special or new circumstance. That redundancy has been in place for over 70 years. If the augmented Commission wishes to remove the redundancy of Murray's meaning, it should dedicate the Division of Murray to one of the following deceased persons:

John Murray (1775-1807): a prominent early explorer of Australia who discovered Port Phillip and attempted to circumnavigate Australia. John Murray had a particular connection with Victoria as it was he who discovered the bay on which Melbourne and Geelong now sit.

Les Murray AM (1945-2017): a well-known broadcaster who was significantly responsible for popularizing the sport of soccer in Australia who was also a refugee and an advocate on behalf of refugees.

I object to the Committee's proposed renaming of the Division of McMillan to 'Monash'. Special reasons are needed to rename a division (as the Committee itself states). The Committee's report included no reasons, let alone special ones. If the augmented Commission wishes to rename the Division of McMillan, it should give its reasons for why the name of McMillan is no longer up to the task.

Respectfully Submitted
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