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Glen Cosham

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Hello,

My name is Glen Cosham and I live at [REDACTED] (in the electorate of Melbourne Ports). I wish to object to the renaming of Melbourne Ports to MacNamara and McMillan to Monash.

Melbourne Ports has been the name of this electorate from the time of Federation. Although the area of the electorate has grown and its boundaries redrawn several times, it still retains its original core areas of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Albert Park and Middle Park. The current name should be retained to preserve its historical links with our Parliament.

While there may be sound reasons to change the name of the electorate of McMillan, I do not believe it should be called Monash. Sir John Monash was a great Australian, but I would point out that in the early 1960s his name was given to a new university established in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Over the past 50 years, Monash University has become well-known, both within Australia and overseas, as a centre of excellence. Around 25 years ago, Monash's name was also given to the newly-created municipal area in which it is located. In addition, Melbourne's busiest freeway, which traverses this area, was also named Monash. Further, during the 1970s and 1980s, an electorate for Victoria's Legislative Council was also called Monash, although this has subsequently been abolished. To rename McMillan to Monash would only cause unnecessary confusion.

I have no knowledge of the merits of the case for calling an electorate MacNamara, however if this was considered worth doing, perhaps it could be used for the existing McMillan.

Many thanks,

Glen Cosham