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Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing to share my view on the proposed renaming of the seat of McMillan. I strongly support changing the name of the seat. There is significant, reliable, historical evidence that Angus McMillan perpetrated terrible crimes upon the local Aboriginal communities of Gippsland. The change of name is overdue and very welcome.

I am, however, disappointed by the proposed change of the name to Monash. This is not due to any objection to Monash per se, but arises in the context of this specific name change. Aboriginal communities have had to endure the trauma of having the electorate, and a number of local businesses, named after a person who has killed, maimed and traumatised their ancestors. It seems only right that the renaming of this electorate occur in close consultation with local Aboriginal organisations.

There are a number of remarkable Indigenous icons of Gippsland that might represent a better name in these circumstances. The name of Rose (after Drouin-born Lionel Rose, athlete, businessperson and the first Aboriginal Australian of the Year), is but one example of a name that could be a more fitting for this electorate.

I urge the AEC to revisit the name of Monash in favour of a name that is recommended by Gippsland's Aboriginal communities.

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