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Re-naming of the Gippsland electorate.

Objection to the use of the name Monash for the Gippsland electorate.

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Objection to the Victorian Redistribution committee Proposal Regarding the Electorate of McMillan and its Re-naming of Monash

27th April 2018

I am a permanent resident of South Gippsland and was born in this region in 1952; as a resident, land owner and community volunteer I am writing to convey my wholehearted support for the adoption of an Aboriginal name to replace the name of McMillan for the Gippsland electorate.

It is disappointing that the name put forward by the Gurnaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, Bunurong Land Council and Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group has not been given priority for this important change of identity for Gippsland. It is even more disappointing when the Aboriginal name of Bunjileene-Purrine was put forward by the Naming Committee as a gesture of reconciliation and this significant and elegant gesture appears to have been disregarded.

Arguments that the name Bunjileene-Purrine may be difficult are short sighted. Any perceived difficulty arises only because Aboriginal languages have been absent or silenced for so long in the Gippsland region, an aspect that can be partly corrected by changing the name to an Aboriginal one.

If Bunjileene- Purrine cannot be agreed to, please recall the Naming Committee and allow sufficient time to submit an alternative Aboriginal name, and please show some courageous leadership towards meaningful reconciliation with our Aboriginal custodians, past and present. We are fortunate to have Aboriginal advisers to guide us today.

Yours sincerely,



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