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Subject: Renaming the Electorate of McMillan

To the Redistribution Committee for Victoria Australian Electorate Commission,

We live in the beautiful Bass Coast that forms part of the McMillan Electorate and we wish to make a suggestion for a name change for the electorate of McMillan in the state of Victoria.

In 1949 the electorate was proclaimed and named after the early Gippsland explorer Angus McMillan.

History has now proved that Angus McMillan was a contributor to the Gippsland Massacres of the Gunai/Kurnai people.

Accordingly it is no longer appropriate to name the electorate "McMillan" as the name McMillan represents so much sadness for our Indigenous brothers and sisters that live in the electorate as well as so many non-indigenous people who also live in the electorate.

We suggest that we rename the electorate to "The Gunai/Kurnai Electorate" after the original inhabitants of the area.

Other suggestions could be "The Warrigal Electorate" named after a tribe of Gunai/Kurnai People who resided in the electorate or "The West Gippsland Electorate" which covers the area that the electorate sits.

The name of Angus McMillan must be removed from the electorate because it represents so much sadness.

We beseech you to change the name.

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