



# Objection 19

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Dear Redistribution Committee

**Re: Suggestions for the naming of Federal electorates in Victoria, Redistribution Submission 2024: Higgins and Corangamite**

The proposed abolition of the seat of Higgins means that a key figure in the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia is now to be dispensed with. As a member of the Constitutional Convents that led to the establishment of the Commonwealth, along with his other notable career achievements, Henry Burns Higgins should be remembered as he has been since the 1949 expansion of Parliament. It is to be regretted, if his name is lost. My suggestion is that the seat of Kooyong be renamed Higgins. Dispensing with a place name is far more appropriate.

On another matter, the Commission proposed renaming the seat of Corangamite in the past two Victorian redistributions, so it is surprising that it has not proposed again. The name has now moved even further from its source and is now an outer Geelong electorate. Surely another prominent Victorian can be commemorated in this seat and the place name eliminated.

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