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WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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By email: FedRedistribution-WA@aec.gov.au

Dear Redistribution Secretariat,

Re: PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The WA Branch of the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation, the largest organisation for nurses and midwives in Australia, fully supports the recent proposal by the Australian Electoral Commission to rename an electoral boundary in Western Australia to "Bullwinkel," in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO MBE ARRC ED FNM FRCNA (1915–2000).

This renaming recognises Bullwinkel's extraordinary contributions as a civilian and military nurse, her resilience as the sole survivor of the 1942 Bangka Island massacre, and her dedication to honouring victims of war crimes and serving the nursing community.

Vivian Bullwinkel was truly remarkable, embodying resilience, dedication, and compassion throughout her life. Her survival and actions during and after the Bangka Island massacre highlight her incredible courage. Beyond her wartime heroics, her commitment to advancing the nursing profession and honouring her fallen colleagues demonstrates a profound sense of duty and leadership.

Recognising her legacy through the renaming of an electoral boundary is a fitting tribute to her contributions and the impact she had on nursing and the broader community. She stands as an inspiring figure not only in Australian history but in the global nursing community as well.

We commend the AEC for this thoughtful and meaningful proposal, and we believe it will serve as a lasting tribute to an exceptional nurse and a great Australian.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if your office wishes to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary
Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation -WA Branch