



# Suggestion 18

Alan and Joan McColl

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Additional information: The McColl family of [REDACTED] during a Wukidi ceremony was invited to join in reconciliation with Yolngu people in 2003. We have taken reconciliation very seriously since then and believe that re-naming the McMillan electorate in the way the local indigenous people feel comfortable would be a valuable way to heal this community.

We object strongly to the name of Angus McMillan being the name for our electorate as he was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Aboriginal people in the 1840s through a number of mass-scale killings

These massacres led to the dispossession of the Gunnaikurnai people which has had lasting effects to this day – health and life-span of Gunnaikurnai people has deteriorated since the time of the massacres that aided settlement. Naming an electorate is not meant to be a way to honour a murderer.

We should not impose the name of McMillan on the descendants of his victims. History has been uncovered that was not available at the time this electorate was originally named. It has since been revealed that the name “McMillan” is hurtful and damaging to the Gunnaikurnai people.

It is only fair that the Aboriginal Communities of Gippsland have a say in the new name and we recommend that they be consulted on a name. We commend the process that is underway with the Gunnaikurnai organisations forming a naming committee, with Bunurong involvement. This outcome will not be known by 17/11/17 but there are later points in the submission process when it can be inserted and we will argue strongly to respect this later submission