



Comment on suggestion 4

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After having clicked on a vast majority of the links - that is the links for new divisions or that have no division listed and a few that did refer to divisions it would seem Hawke and Tucker are both popular.

I support Tucker - this name whilst referring to:

- Margaret Tucker an Indigenous woman,
- also brings forth thoughts of the famous Aussie artist Albert Tucker
- also thirdly means food although I am not certain if this in an Indigenous word.

The references there are threefold.

See my summary below there are three groups women which make up 5 names, men make up 23 names and other which is Indigenous words and one area that is jointly named after an Indigenous male and Indigenous female which makes up 9 names. This means women have a quarter to almost one fifth of the spaces named after them when compared with men.

In light of this I am of the view the Hawke should not be named until there are equal numbers of men and women represented. This means of the 28 names given separately to men and women, 14 should be male names and 14 should be female. In this case currently only 5 names are female so in order to put Hawke in there needs to be a change in 9 names over to womens names and one name over to Hawkes name.

In order to increase womens names - I suggest removing former PM names especially since these people are already in the history books and get a statue after themselves. This would make up an extra seven area names that could be used for women; Bruce, Gordon, Holt, McEwan, Melbourne, Menzie, Scullin. That still leaves another 2 that need to be named after women to be equal, I suggest the two explorer areas of Flinders and Gellibrand. This would make the electoral divisions more fair women.

In addition it would appear the Casey area would like a new name and it has been suggestion to do away with Hotham; one of these, which you could name Hawke after if you really feel you must but only if you once 9 spaces have been renamed over to women as it is not fair that representation is not equal.

I suggest a change in how we name electorates in that:

- indigenous woman and men are used for name inspirations as this links back to our heritage and raising the profile of Indigenous culture and peoples
- stop naming after Parliamentarians and put forth people who need more recognition for what they have done and not been well paid in order to improve society; ask for more submissions to rename the majority of the male areas
- keep the name Corangamite as it is an Indigenous word
- rename Flinders/Gellibrand explorers should not be named after
- rename Gippsland - he was a governor of NSW - not a governor of Vic born in England
- rename Melbourne with an Indigenous name for the area that is; Naarm
- establish to use more Indigenous words not just people in names, currently there are half as many Indigenous words used as male names. I suggest there should be equal do so would be mean of at least 12 names Indigenous words (so an extra 4 single one in the other is after people). it is important we link back to our heritage, especially in light of what Rio Tinto did in WA to the Gorge earlier this year.

Looking at the names we have:

Women-

1. Aston (Matilda Aston founded Vic Association of Braille Writers) ,
2. Chisholm (Caroline Chisholm did social work)
3. Dunkley (feminist who campaigned for equal pay in 1927 which women STILL do not have WAFL players have second jobs because they are not paid the same as the mens AFL team)

4. Goldstein (suffragist, feminist and social welfare)
5. Macnamara - (medical researcher who discovered there was more than one type of Polio virus)

Men-

1. Bendigo (English boxer)
2. Bruce PM
3. Calwell (Parliamentarian)
4. Casey (Parliamentarian)
5. Cooper (Yorta Yorta man pushed for Indigenous representation in Parliament)
6. Deakin (already has a Uni and a statue and does not need another thing named after him PM)
7. Flinders (explorer)
8. Gellibrand (explorer)
9. Gippsland (parliamentarian, Sir George Gipps)
10. Gordon (PM)
11. Higgins (Parliamentarian)
12. Holt (PM)
13. Hotham (Parliamentarian)
14. Isaacs (Parliamentarian)
15. Jaga Jaga (Indigenous elder who signed a treaty with Batman)
16. Lalor (Parliamentarian)
17. La Trobe (Parliamentarian)
18. McEwan PM
19. Melbourne (PM of Great Britain)
20. Menzie (PM)
21. Monash (Military commander in ww1)
22. Scullin (PM)
23. Wills (surveyor, astronomer)

Other-

1. Ballarat (derived from an Indigenous word)
2. Corangamite (Indigenous word)
3. Corio (Indigenous word)
4. Indi (Indigenous word for Murray River)
5. Kooyong (indigenous word for camp or resting place)
6. Mallee (indigenous word for dwarf Eucalypts)
7. Maribyrnong (Indigenous word yam/edible root, ringtail possum)
8. Wannon - (Indigenous word from the local Jardwadjali people)
9. Nicholls (advocates of Indigenous rights jointly named after Douglas Nicholls and Gladys Nicholls both Indigenous people)