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Good morning,

I would like to express my disappointment in the selection of "Bean" as the name for the new electorate in the ACT.

Charles Bean was a great historian, and provided a valuable contribution to early Australia. However, he has already been immortalised in Australian memory. His writing is studied by every high school student, and Australian history uni student. He has a number of very public memorials to his life and work. Despite this great body of work, and all the accolades already bestowed, the Australia he represents is not the Australia that we have now - and that itself can be recognised as partly due to his work, and the conversations his work inspired. Yet more public accolades are needless.

However, the AEC is uniquely placed right now to play a role in recognising a modern Australian hero. Ngingali Cullen was already preselected by the AEC as an option for the new electorate, and so already meets the AEC requirements. An Aboriginal woman, and public servant who represents the best of modern Australia, and sets an excellent example to all of us should have the opportunity to be remembered. Her contribution to modern Australia, helping us to set the tone for ongoing improvements to race relations and bridging the (many) gaps in our community should alone be sufficient to warrant her place. She should be granted this memorial, NOT Charles Bean.

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