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Australian Electoral Commission
50 Marcus Clarke Street
CANBERRA CITY A.C.T. 2601

Dear Sir/Madam

'ANDY CUNNINGHAM' BETTER NAME THAN 'BEAN'
FOR NEW A.C.T. FEDERAL ELECTORATE

Instead of 'Bean' for the name of the new A.C.T. Federal electorate, I propose 'Andy Cunningham' as a more authentic personification of the district.

C.E.W. Bean, Bathurst-born, Oxford-educated, lived at Tuggeranong homestead for only $5\frac{1}{2}$ years (1919-1925). While there, he began his 12-volume 'Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918' and initiated the campaign for the establishment of the Australian War Memorial. These books and the Memorial alone stand as acknowledged monuments not only to their prime subjects but ^{also} to the man himself.

By contrast, the unmemorialised Andrew (Andy) Twynam Cunningham was born in Queanbeyan in 1891 and, apart from time away at school and university, and 4 years of spectacularly active and decorated service in the First World War at Gallipoli (twice wounded) and in the Desert Campaigns (Military Cross, 1917), he spent his entire life in the now southern A.C.T., in succession at Tuggeranong, Lanyon, the Orroral Valley and Top Naas. He embodied the unexpurgated version of Bean's idealised Aussie bush soldier. He was a natural soldier (including time as a Captain under General Ryrie from Michelago), sportsman, fighter, and lover, but also a gambler, drunk, brawler, racist, poor land-manager, and light plane 'dare devil' (he named his Gypsy Moth the 'Orroral Dingo'). He was, in short, the real deal, ticking all the boxes, good and bad.

In preferring 'Andy Cunningham' (in the manner of Gungahlin street names such as 'Carrie Hermes Drive' or 'Joy Cummings Place') over 'Bean', we would be celebrating the true mongrel nature of the southern A.C.T.

Yours sincerely

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C.E.W. (Charles
Edwin Woodrow) Bean
(1879 - 1968)



Andrew (Andy) Twynam
Cunningham
(1879 - 1959)