



# Objection 59

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register an objection to the naming of the new ACT Federal seat after Mr Charles Edwin Woodrow Bean. The objection is based on his anti-semitic views, in particular as they related to General Sir John Monash. Bean actively sought to undermine Monash's candidature to command the Australian Corps during World War I. Bean wrote in his diary of Monash "We do not want Australia represented by men mainly because of their ability, natural and inborn in Jews, to push themselves." Even more disgraceful, Bean continued to undermine Monash after he assumed command. This included trying to mislead Prime Minister Billy Hughes as to the support and loyalty Monash had within the Corps leadership. Fortunately for Australia and the war effort, Bean's strenuous and unprincipled campaign against Monash was in vain. If Bean had succeeded there is no doubt more Australian lives would have been lost.

In a modern multicultural Australia the commemoration of a man such as Charles Bean, with these distasteful views of religious bigotry, is inappropriate. If the seat is named after him, it only could serve as a veneer of acceptability to such views.

Your Sincerely

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