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To whom it may concern.

I write to object to the choice of the name "Bean" for the new ACT electorate. Charles Bean's conscientious and well documented anti-Semitism makes him a highly inappropriate choice for an electorate, let alone in the current age or in a city whose sole tenuous link to the man lies outside the proposed boundaries of the electorate. That the AEC should choose to commemorate the man at the same time as it chooses to commemorate John Monash, whom had been the prime target of Bean's hatred for his heritage, is particularly inappropriate.

Although there are innumerable better candidates, I would like to propose Fred Gruen. Notably he was a subject rather than a perpetrator of anti-Semitic hatreds, was a long time resident of the city and, in his quiet service to policy and academia and the fashion in which Australian government accepted him, represents precisely the values we should celebrate in the electoral process.

Yours sincerely

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