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To: Braybrook Area Office [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to the ALP renaming proposal for Gellibrand

as per my phone call, would you please forward this on to the Redistribution Committee for Gellibrand before the due date which I understand to be 6pm on December 1st

I strenuously object to the ALP renaming proposal on the grounds that the electorate has not been consulted or involved.

I first learnt of the renaming proposal and indeed the redistribution on Thursday 23rd November via a small social media website, which I gather followed release of the ALP proposal on November 20th. Whilst not an avid political follower I believe I do keep myself aware of national, state and local political issues. In the week since learning of the redistribution process and the associated renaming proposal, I have informally spoken with about 100 enrolled Gellibrand voters and only 1 was aware of the renaming proposal. The overall sentiment was negative.

I am not necessarily against the proposal per se. I feel I do not have enough information or sufficient time to make an informed decision. I am also critical of the process followed by the ALP in submitting a proposal without consulting the electorate. I note that a subsequent petition to support the renaming has, as of this morning, 1084 signatories...approximately 1% of the number of voters in the electorate. To me that falls far short of the number required to change a name that has been in place for nearly 70 years.

I urge you to retain the name Gellibrand for this redistribution, and hope that in the next redistribution a rigorous process of involving the electorate, examining the current name, and considering a number of worthy alternatives can be conducted.

yours faithfully

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