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As a polio survivor I would like to support the naming of this seat in honour of Dame Jean McNamara. My reasons are

1. Dame Jean and Sir McFarlane Burnett discovered different strains of the polio virus in 1931. That was important work towards the development of a vaccine
2. Dame Jean set up, via the Royal Children's Hospital, a world first Domiciliary physiotherapy program to enable parents to look after their children at home.
3. The Polio Consultative Council and the setting up in 1946 of the polio division of the Victorian health Department were a result of Dame Jean's lobbying for better organisation of care for polio patients.
4. Dame Jean dedicated her working life to rehabilitation of people who survived polio

Her work is well documented in the book by Bentley, P. & Dunstan, D. (2006). *The Paths to Professionalism: Physiotherapy In Australia to the 1980s*. Melbourne Victoria: Australian Physiotherapy Association.

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