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Dear Secretariat Members,

I lived in the former McMillan electorate for many years and was part of the establishment group for Reconciliation(BassCoast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group) with our First Nation peoples in the area. I became increasingly aware of families' trauma associated with white settlement in the area, and felt deeply saddened whenever the name of McMillan appeared in any situation. We can no longer not take this shocking legacy lightly with just the removal of the name McMillan. Rather, we need to be pro-active in formally correcting this by replacing it with a name that signifies nobility and respect for the life of the First Nation people who suffered through the times of McMillan and who continue to experience disadvantage today. Whilst the name of Monash signifies respect for the life and contribution of John Monash, he has already been identified with many of his achievements within the nation. For me and many others it would seem that by choosing a well known hero the selection fails to meet the requirements of this electorate's opportunity to listen to our First Nation people, and honour them, and appears also to dismiss their lived reality, important role in society and strength.

Please re-consider the Bunjileene-Purrine option as offered by the local First Nation people , and take another step in 'Closing the Gap'.

I look forward to a constructive response in this important opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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