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Polio Network Victoria

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My submission is in favour of the renaming of Melbourne Ports to Macnamara.

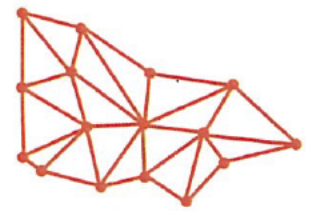
Please find attached letter from Polio Network Victoria supporting the renaming of Melbourne Ports to Macnamara.

Regards,

Bev Watson  
Chair – Polio Network Victoria

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Australian Electoral Commission

May 2, 2018.

Dear Commissioners,

As Chair of Polio Network Victoria I write in relation to the matter of renaming Melbourne Ports to Macnamara and offer my strongest support.

The renaming to Macnamara will be a reminder to Polio survivors throughout Australia, many of whom benefitted from the work done by this outstanding Australian medical doctor and scientist, Dame Jean Macnamara.

Although the Salk and Sabin vaccines were not available until after the mid-1950's, Dame Jean's contribution to this eventually was significant. At this time, Australia is polio free, purely thanks to ongoing immunisation.

There are many thousands of children (predominantly) who contracted polio during the regular epidemics of last century. A great number of those who survived the disease have clear memories of Dame Jean's ministrations, which impacted greatly on their recovery, with a significant number of Dame Jean's patients going on to live long and successful lives, producing legal professionals, accountants, social workers and disability advocates.

Acknowledging and celebrating the Macnamara namesake through the renaming of this federal electorate seat, goes a long way towards both recognising her historically significant achievements, and raising the awareness of a disease that continues to affect people today.



Bev Watson  
Chair – Polio Network Victoria

