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As an elector in the Australian Capital Territory, I wish to record my objection to the proposed name of the new House of Representatives seat. I understand that the proposed name is “Bean”.

Bean was known to be an anti-semite and a racist. It is a tragedy that he has been recognised to the extent that he has by the Australian War Memorial given his campaign against John Monash in World War I. His dislike for the general was blatantly racist.

The proposed name is particularly inappropriate considering the fact that the new division will include the Tuggeranong suburb of Monash.

The proposal will bring the Parliament into disrespect: no MP would wish to be called on as the Member for Bean. It will also do great damage to the independence of the AEC.

Fortunately there are acceptable geographic names that can be used and which avoid the controversy of the present proposal. The AEC should move quickly to adopt one of those.

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