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I strenuously object to the new ACT Federal electorate being named for CEW Bean.

It is a well-documented fact that Bean held strongly anti-Semitic views which were most evident in his treatment of Sir John Monash and his attempt to have him relieved of his command for the simple reason that he was Jewish.

Bean's apologists say that such views were common in those days. Maybe they were although I can't think that too many people who held anti-Semitic views before the rise of Nazism went to such lengths to prove a point.

Patently such views are still all too common 100 years later, which is all the more reason why we should not now honour this man in any way at all. There are plenty more worthy candidates with an association with the ACT who should be considered.

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