



Comment on suggestion 3

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The use of the name “McMillan” for a federal electorate is inappropriate. Although Angus McMillan made a substantial commitment in opening up Gippsland for development , his involvement in the massacres of Aboriginal people in Gippsland disqualify him as a person that should be honoured in such a way and the undersigned request that this be changed in consultation with the Indigenous Elders of the area.

Why is this important?

Angus McMillan participated in several massacres of Aboriginal people, as recorded by historian Don Watson in his work “Caledonia Australis” published by Williams Collins Pty Ltd, 1984. Peter Gardiner, another historian, has also detailed instances of McMillan’s involvement in massacres of Aboriginal people in his book “Our Founding Murdering Father” 1989 2nd revised edition.

Many government agencies and representatives have made statements on reconciliation and I feel that asking for a name change is appropriate in line with these statements.

The community has become more aware of what the indigenous peoples of Australia have endured since white settlement began two hundred years ago. I am concerned that by continuing to honour the names of people who massacred and mistreated the original inhabitants of this land, the integrity of the reconciliation process is called into question.

We, the undersigned, ask that the name of the federal electorate of McMillan be changed at the next review. It is essential to consult with the Aboriginal people of Gippsland to seek their point of view and wishes in this regard.

<https://www.communityrun.org/petitions/rename-victoria-s-federal-seat-of-mcmillan>

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