



# Objection 352

Ged Kearney MP

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To the AEC

Please find attached my objection to the Redistribution Committee for Victoria's recommendation of retaining the name of the Division of Batman.

Thank you

**Ged Kearney MP**

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BATMAN



04 May 2018

REF:

Redistribution Committee for Victoria  
Australian Electoral Commission  
GPO Box 76  
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dear Redistribution Committee members,

**RE: Objection to the Redistribution Committee for Victoria's recommendation of retaining the name of the Division of Batman**

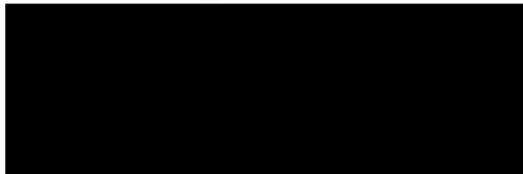
I am writing to express my disappointment that the AEC rejected the submission to rename the Division of Batman to Wonga.

While my office did not put in a proposal, I support the original submission from Darebin City Council on behalf of the Wurundjeri Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Aboriginal Corporation, Yarra City Council and Darebin City Council.

Changing the name to Wonga would acknowledge the distinct place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's history, the pain and suffering caused by colonisation and our future as a cohesive, inclusive and respectful society.

As the newly elected Federal MP of Batman, I strongly support Darebin City Council's submission in appealing the Electoral Commission's decision.

Yours sincerely,



**GED KEARNEY MP**  
**Federal Member for Batman**

*Ged Kearney & staff acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters where our office is located. We pay our respects to them and their culture, and their elders past and present.*