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To: Australian Electoral Commission

**Subject: Proposal to name Victoria's new electorate for an eminent Victorian:
Margaret Tucker**

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This submission is to propose naming the new Victorian electorate for Ms Margaret Tucker, MBE. Ms Tucker (b 1904, d 1998) dedicated her life to the cause of Aboriginal advancement and advocacy for the Aboriginal community in Victoria and in the whole of Australia.

She worked as a civil-rights advocate, a public servant and a policy advisor. Her memoir, *If Anyone Cared* (1977), provides evidence of her strength and resilience in overcoming the trauma caused by being separated from her mother at an early age under policies that have come to be known as the 'Stolen Generation'.

During her lifetime she was highly respected as a leader and spokesperson. She played a key role in the establishment of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, and many other agencies that combined practical social welfare objectives with Aboriginal self-determination and policy advocacy. She is acknowledged as a feminist leader, working for the creation of the Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Women's Organisation in the 1970s, and her achievements are recognised by having been placed on the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2001.

I see from the Electoral Commission website that the agency acknowledges the traditional owners of the land where its offices have been established.

In this spirit, I propose that Margaret Tucker be recognised for her contributions by naming the new Victorian electorate 'Tucker' in her honour.

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