



Objection 468

Voices for Casey

16 pages

(Includes petition with 172 signatures)

Voices for Casey is making this submission to **Step 5** of the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) process to review the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Victoria.

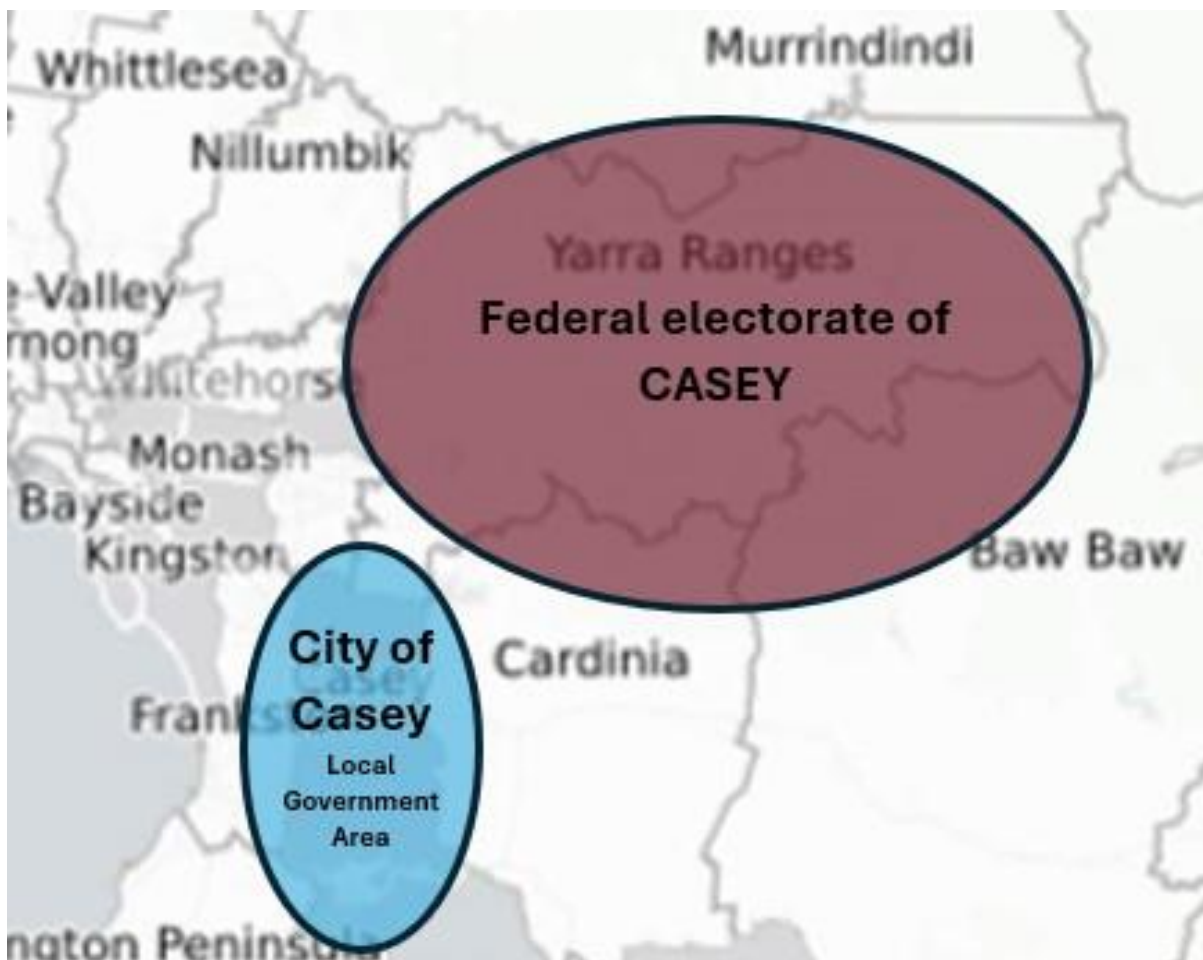
Voices for Casey objects to the AEC decision to retain the name of Casey.

We respectfully ask for this decision to be reconsidered.

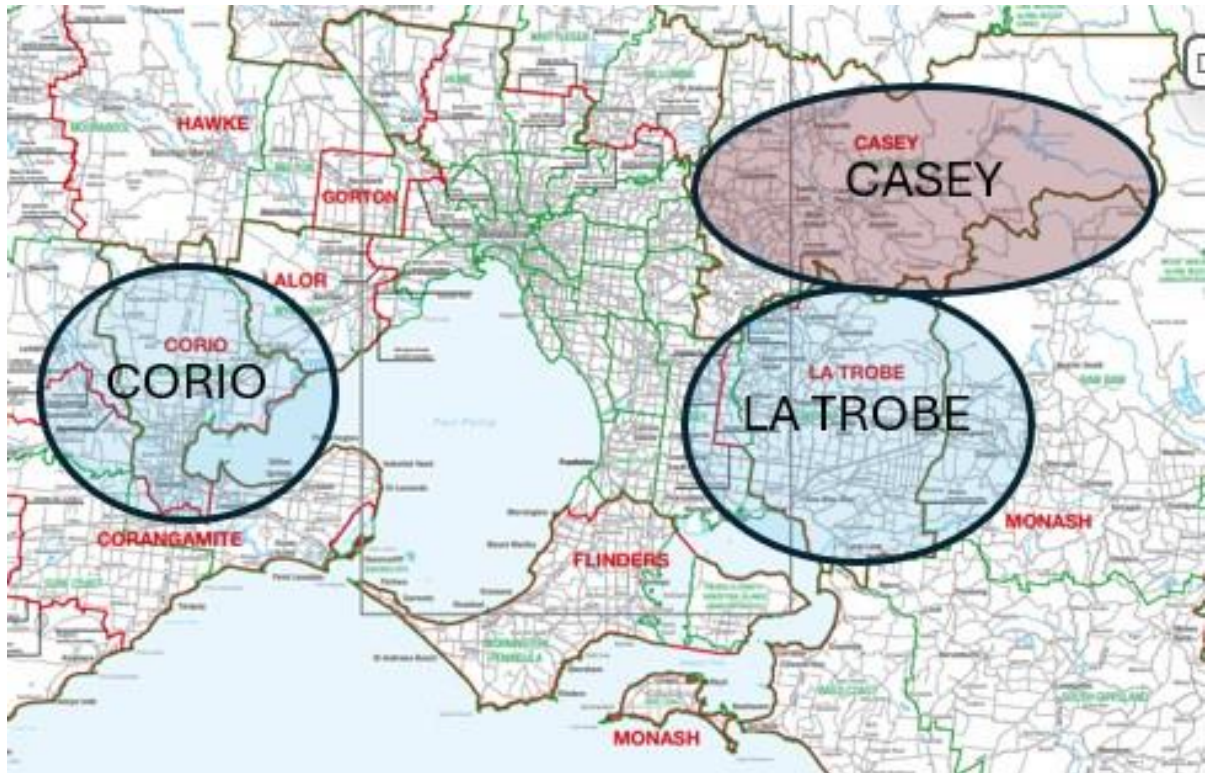
Why CHANGE THE NAME?

The federal electorate of Casey has the SAME name as the City of Casey, a Victorian Local Government Council, causing **voter confusion and negatively impacting participation in our democracy.**

The federal electorate of Casey has no overlap with the geographic area of the City of Casey. The Casey electorate is geographically similar to the Shire of Yarra Ranges Local Government area.



The federal electorate of Casey is named in honour of Lord Richard Gavin Gardiner Casey. **Lord Casey has no direct connection to the Casey electorate and its' residents.** He was a Member of the House of Representatives for the seat of Corio (1931-40) and then the seat of La Trobe (1949-60).



During the 2023 Referendum a local community group called Casey for YES was formed with 293 Members and 138 Active Volunteers. This group suggested the Australian Electoral Commission should undertake community engagement to listen and survey the electors to change the name of the Casey electorate to a First Nations name that is meaningful to our community.

Sixty-three (63) suggestions were received as part of the AEC Electoral Review Process with eight submissions (12.7% of all submissions) suggesting the name of the federal electorate of Casey should be changed to Barak.

Voices for Casey acknowledges and supports the suggestion to rename the federal electorate of Casey to Barak in honour of William Barak, renowned and influential Indigenous Elder of the Wurundjeri and last Chief of the Yarra Yarra tribe.

- Changing the name of the electorate to a prominent local Indigenous person aligns with local community sentiment that more needs to be done in promoting local Aboriginal history.
- The name Barak is consistent with the AEC naming guidelines of recognising a deceased noteworthy Australian who has made a significant contribution to public life.



[William Barak](#) (1824 - 1903) was the renowned and influential Indigenous Elder of the Wurundjeri and last Chief of the Yarra Yarra tribe and is recognised in the Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll. He has tribal, birth, geographic and historically significant ties to the electorate. He was both a diplomat and an ambassador.

For most of his life he lived in the electorate of Casey at the Aboriginal settlement Coranderrk, established near Healesville in 1863 in response to a campaign organised by Barak. He also contributed to the early success of Coranderrk as a thriving, self-sufficient community and was its indefatigable defender until the end of his life. Coranderrk enabled Kulin people to maintain a physical connection to their country and Barak played key role in educating non-Aboriginal people about this relationship.

William Barak's leadership included two significant 'walks' for land rights and recognition from Healesville to Parliament House in Melbourne, events that continue to inspire advocacy by First Nations peoples in Australia.

Voices of Casey asks the Australian Electoral Commission to change the name of the federal electorate of Casey.

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Voices for Casey is submitting THIS PETITION to **Step 5** of the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) process to review the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Victoria.

The Petition has **172 signatures (attached)**, with each person who has signed stating:

I am asking the Australian Electoral Commission to change the name of the federal electorate of Casey.

The federal electorate of Casey has the same name as the City of Casey, a Victorian Local Government Council, causing voter confusion and negatively impacting participation in our democracy.

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2	Adam	Carr	██████████	St Kilda East	VIC	████
3	Adriana	Alvarez	██████	Belgrave	VIC	████
4	Alana	Karathanasis	██████████	SELBY	VIC	████
5	Alesia	Jensen	██████████	Mount Evelyn	VIC	████
6	Amanda	Lamont	██████████████████	Montrose	VIC	████
7	Amanda	Amanda		St Kilda	VIC	████
8	Amber	Savory	██████████	Badger creek	VIC	████
9	Angela	Bruckner	██████████	Coldstream	VIC	████
10	Ani	Wierenga	██████████	Sherbrooke	VIC	████
11	Anita	Koochew	██████████	Belgrave	VIC	████
12	Anne	Wilson	██████████	Mount Toolebewong	VIC	████
13	Anthony	Paradies	██████████	Healesville	VIC	████
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19	Belinda	Stephens	██████████	Tecoma	VIC	████
20	Brendan	Byatt	██████████	Sassafras	VIC	████
21	Brian	Bartlett				████
22	Brian	Anketell	██████████	Healesville	VIC	████
23	Caitlin	Quinn	██████████	Belgrave	VIC	████
24	Callum	Ludwig	██████████	Montrose	VIC	████
25	Carissa	McKimm			VIC	████
26	Carol	Wocker		Kilsyth	VIC	████
27	Caroline	Evans	██████████	Lilydale	VIC	████
28	Caroline	Leeper	██████████	Belgrave	VIC	████
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31	Catherine	Connell	██████████	Upper Ferntree Gully	VIC	████
32	Chelsey	Cooper	██████████	Montrose	VIC	████
33	Christina	Otto	██████████	Healesville	VIC	████
34	Christine	Phillips	████████████████	Belgrave	VIC	████
35	Claire	Ferres Miles			VIC	████
36	Claire	Kleynjans	██████████	Belgrave South	VIC	████
37	Colin	Miles	██████████	Upwey	VIC	████
38	Cordelia	Hull	██████████	Tecoma	VIC	████
39	David	Gowan	██████████	Olinda	VIC	████
40	David	Lau		Healesville	VIC	████
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42	Denise	Rash	██████████	Montrose	VIC	████
43	Di	Penrose	██████████	Launching Place	VIC	████
44	Diane	Smith	██████████	MOOROOLBARK	VIC	████
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47	Eileen	Collins	██████████	Selby	VIC	████
48	Elisabeth	Blackburn	██████████	Mooroolbark	VIC	████
49	Elizabeth	Maitland	██████████	Upwey	VIC	████
50	Emily	Miles	██████████	Upwey	VIC	████
51	Emma	Featherstone		Chum Creek	VIC	████
52	Fionn	Bowd	██████████	Sassafras	VIC	████
53	Gael	Sampson		Badger Creek	VIC	████
54	Gage	Rossiter	██████████	Mooroolbark	VIC	████
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56	Garry	Embry	██████████	Warburton	VIC	████
57	Geoff	Champion	██████████	Mount Dandenong	VIC	████
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63	Gerri	Layh	██████████	The Patch	VIC	████
64	Graeme	Henchel	██████████	Yarra Glen	VIC	████
65	Hannah	Hudson	██████████	Montrose	VIC	████
66	Harvey	Gough	████████████████	Chirnside Park	VIC	████
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68	Heather	Youl	██████████	Montrose	VIC	████
69	Heather	McListon		Upwey	VIC	████
70	Helen	Koster	██████████	Chirnside Park	VIC	████
71	Helen	Jahn	██████████	Tecoma	VIC	████
72	Ian	Braham	██████████	Gruyere	VIC	████
73	Ian	James	██████████	Yarra Glen	VIC	████
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87	Jeffrey	Barlow	██████████	Healesville	VIC	████
88	Jenni	Thompson	██████████	Wandin North	VIC	████
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92	Jim	Brown	[REDACTED]	Wandin North	VIC	[REDACTED]
93	Joanna	Henselwood	[REDACTED]	Tecoma	VIC	[REDACTED]
94	Johanna	Skelton	[REDACTED]	Belgrave	VIC	[REDACTED]
95	John	Robinson	[REDACTED]	BELGRAVE	VIC	[REDACTED]
96	John	Harrison	[REDACTED]	Mooroolbark	VIC	[REDACTED]
97	John	Hendrie	[REDACTED]	Kilsyth	VIC	[REDACTED]
98	Jonathan	Gay	[REDACTED]	Melbourne	VIC	[REDACTED]
99	Judith	Mraz	[REDACTED]	Ferny creek	VIC	[REDACTED]
100	Julianne	Ferres	[REDACTED]	Croydon South	VIC	[REDACTED]
101	K M	Wallace	[REDACTED]	Yarra Junction	VIC	[REDACTED]
102	Karen	Bonson	[REDACTED]	Belgrave	VIC	[REDACTED]
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109	Laura	McNeice	[REDACTED]	Belgrave	VIC	[REDACTED]
110	Leanne	Robinson	[REDACTED]	Kalorama	VIC	[REDACTED]
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113	Lisa	Ford	[REDACTED]	Upwey	VIC	[REDACTED]
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116	Lorraine	Little	[REDACTED]	Montrose	VIC	[REDACTED]
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123	Mary	Riekert		Wandin East	VIC	████
124	Matthew	Bywater	██████████	MONTROSE	VIC	████
125	Meagan	Carlaw			VIC	████
126	Melissa	Parker		Silvan	VIC	████
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142	Robert	Wigg	[REDACTED]	Lilydale	VIC	[REDACTED]
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144	Roisin	Chirgwin	[REDACTED]	UPPER FERNTREE GULLY	VIC	[REDACTED]
145	Rosemary	Brennan-Herrera	[REDACTED]	Hoddles Creek	VIC	[REDACTED]
146	Rudolf	Blums	[REDACTED]	Belgrave	VIC	[REDACTED]
147	Sally	Smith	[REDACTED]	Kilsyth	VIC	[REDACTED]
148	Sandra	De Pury	[REDACTED]	Coldstream	VIC	[REDACTED]
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153	Simon	Turner	██████████	Selby	VIC	██████
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