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Dear Sir or Madam,

For the new electoral division to the east of Perth Western Australia I object to the name Bullwinkel. Hodgson-Beard would be a more appropriate name for the Electorate.

The new electoral district proposition to be named after Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel is noteworthy, but not entirely appropriate. She survived the Banka massacre, was a prison-of-war, and

lived to bring the world's attention to a horrific war crime. However, she is a South Australian and only lived in WA the last years of her life due to marriage. L.C. Bullwinkel has been recently honoured with a statue at the Australian War Museum (public subscription) the first woman depicted

there. Sadly, there has been constant criticism of the anonymity of those other nurses who died. The memorial at Pt Walter (also public subscription) has long sought funds for completion.

Surely the honour for all of those nurses who died for their country could be given by using the names

of two girls, Alma Beard from Toodyay, and Minnie Hodgson from York district, who were born, lived and worked in that very region until they went to war and their young lives ended. It would mean so much to ALL Nurses, that Vivian Bullwinkel, wonderful woman, was not a lone Florence Nightingale. We would be grateful that the memory of other woman and nurses who gave their lives for Australia were recognised as much as Vivian Bullwinkel, therefore the name Hodgson-Beard

would be a better name for the new electorate.

Minnie Hodgson was my Great-Aunt, her brother was my Grandfather, my mother's father, William Hodgson. William Hodgson also served in the war that killed his sister. Their family suffered great heartache from Minnie's death as a serving nurse. William Hodgson was fortunate to return from the

war back to his home and family in Western Australia and continue serving his country through farming in the region. Anthea Hodgson who is another Great Niece of Minnie Hodgson, lives in Western Australia and has written a book "The War Nurses" dedicated to all the nurses of the Vynner Brooke that were on the ship sunk in the war that Vivian Bullwinkel survived. There are many more descendants and connections in Western Australia to the name Hodgson, including my Uncle Michael

Hodgson. The Hodgson family has made significant contributions to the Western Australian economy,

including the ultimate sacrifice of Minnie Hodgson life, lost so young to the war.

Yours sincerely,

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