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My comment refers particularly to Objection OB32 submitted by the Liberal Party of WA. Whilst the submission by the Liberal Party accepts the proposed name of Bullwinkel I believe that they have done so because their lack of research into a name having resonance with Western Australians and, in particular, those registered to vote within the new Division, has not given due weight to Sister Alma Beard who was born, brought up, schooled in Toodyay and worked as a nurse in Perth before joining the Australian Army in September 1941 and was cruelly executed by the Japanese on Radji beach in Bangka Island in February 1942. Twenty two Australian nurses died in that massacre where one, Sister Bullwinkel survived. Sister Bullwinkel was not a West Australian, having lived and worked in the Eastern States until she moved to WA on marriage at age 62.

I am confident that, on reflection, the Liberal Party would support the naming of the Division "Beard" instead of "Bullwinkel" to more accurately reflect a worthy identity more closely associated with the Division.

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