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Details: I note that a number of public suggestions commented on the confusion experienced by voters who live in the suburb, but not the electorate, of Oxley. Most of these changes suggested altering the boundaries to ensure that the suburb is wholly contained within the electorate. I would like to express my opposition to such a method - boundaries need to be constructed before names are decided. Electorate names should conform to boundaries, and not the other way around.

Instead, I would like to offer an alternate suggestion. I note the suggestion from Hamish McDowall (S25) to create an

electorate named Hayden, in honour of the late Bill Hayden, former Labor leader and governor general. Hayden was also the member for Oxley during his 27 years in parliament. In order to address voter confusion arising from the disparity between the suburb of Oxley and the electorate of Oxley, I think it would be very fitting that the electorate of Oxley be renamed to Hayden.