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Submission: Names
Details: Why would you abolish the name of the electorate named for the first acknowledge Aboriginal Australian to become a member of Parliament? Why would you abolish the name of the electorate named for the first Indigenous Australian to be elected to the Australian Parliament?

That is precisely what Mr McDowall has done, without providing any defensible justification. In fact, he has offered no compelling reason whatsoever for removing the name.

The relevant guidelines, admittedly non-

binding, appear to be relied upon when convenient. The guidelines advocate retaining electorate names that recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Neville Bonners legacy deserves recognition. He was a trailblazer in Australian political history, made a significant contribution to public life and was a long-time supporter of the East Timorese independence movement.

If there is no convincing argument for abolishing the name, why remove it?

Lets keep the name Bonner.