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I support the submission by Tim Watts MP to rename Gellibrand to Kirner. The late Joan Kirner was the first female Premier of Victoria and a community leader with a national reputation. She was the state MP in the neighbouring electorate to mine, and we worked together on a number of projects of state significance. She was widely regarded and admired in the western suburbs of Melbourne, and was regarded as a successful advocate for legislative reform in the areas of women's rights, environmental protection, and a greater role for the community in school policy and administration. In short, she was a major leader and community identity in our state and the region. Kirner is an obvious name for the electorate, and is synonymous with the identity of our area.

Please contact me if you would like me to elaborate on any of the above

Cheers

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