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Submission

Naming of the new 2021 Federal Victorian Electorate

For too long the history of Australia's First Peoples history has not been recognised. Naming the new electorate Tucker contributes to rectifying this injustice.

We nominate Margaret Tucker for the naming of the new electorate division :

Aunty Margaret Tucker MBE, a Yorta Yorta woman, was one of Australia's first female Aboriginal rights activists and was highly active from the early 1930's within the Australian Aborigines League (which she was involved in establishing) as well as holding many positions in different representative bodies and Government advisory groups throughout her life. Aunty Margaret, also known as Aunty Marge, spent much of her childhood at the Cummeragunja and Moonacullah Missions however was later taken away against her mother's wishes and it wouldn't be until years later that Aunty Marge would reunite with her family.¹

Aunty Marge worked alongside various Yorta Yorta representatives including William Cooper, Sir Douglas Nicholls, Bill and Eric Onus and also her younger sister Geraldine Briggs to advocate for the rights of Aboriginal people. Aunty Marge Tucker is currently on the Aboriginal Honour Roll and is admired by the local Aboriginal community for her continued efforts in supporting and advocating for her people.²

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¹ Greater Shepparton Aboriginal Street Art Project.

<http://visitshepparton.com.au/see-and-do/history-and-heritage/!/view/aboriginal-street-art-project-aunty-margaret-tucker-mbe-and-nanny-nora-charles-mural-1103>

² Greater Shepparton Aboriginal Street Art Project.

