



# Comment on objections 36

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I wish to make a submission to the renaming of the Federal Division of McMillan in Victoria. I would like to suggest an alternative name of 'Sutcliffe', he was a pioneer to the area and was involved in making positive change for more than 30 years throughout this federal division. I support Mr Keith Cook's submission, outlined in Objection 289, that the division of McMillan be renamed "Sutcliffe".

Mr John Sutcliffe was a significant figure in the development of the Railway Camp at Drouin Junction in c.1870 which became the timber town of Drouin. Mr Sutcliffe was part of a group of men and women who worked tirelessly to establish housing and businesses in the town and eventually in 1877, after strong advocating Sutcliffe and supporters, land purchased where a Drouin State School could be erected to bring education to children of the timber and land-clearing workforce of the early settlers of Drouin which became the seat of the Buln Buln Shire which was gazetted in 1878.

Mr Sutcliffe was among the first Shire Councillors and became Shire President after several years.

Mr Sutcliffe was instrumental in the development of a reliable mail distribution in the area and his coaches operated in an area as wide as from Drouin to Brandy Creek in the north as well as Drouin to Poowong in the south.

The name Sutcliffe and the person it represents is a worthy and appropriate substitute for the present name of MacMillan and is preferable to the suggested replacement name of Monash.

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