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Additional information: Please find attached my submission requesting that consideration be given to selecting a different name for the division.

Angus McMillan, after whom our electorate is named, was responsible for the mass-murder of hundreds of men, women and children.

It is time this disgraceful and outdated moniker be changed for the sake of the pride of future generations of Gippsland.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to lodge a suggestion relating to the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Victoria. I understand that the redistribution process provides opportunities for individuals and organisations to propose where the electoral division boundaries could be located, or the name of an electoral division.

As a long-time resident of the Division of McMillan (located in south-eastern Victoria) I am writing to request that consideration be given to changing the name of the electorate away from McMillan.

The issue of the required name change of the McMillan Federal electorate has been discussed for many years.

Angus McMillan, after whom our electorate is named, was an explorer and pastoralist whose success and wealth was gained directly through the massacre and displacement of local Aboriginal people. His massacres and atrocities are well-documented and universally acknowledged.

While McMillan of course lived in a different time, where the status of Aboriginal people was denied, we can no longer allow our proud electorate to bear this name.

I am aware that several campaigns have been held over the years calling for this change. Incredibly though, in this the twenty-first century, the name still stands.

Interestingly, one of McMillan's oldest living relatives, his great-great-granddaughter, Sheila Carroll, of rural NSW, is not worried by the controversy over her "murdering forefather". "It's up to Gippsland to decide, really," she has said, "but I would much rather an Aboriginal name." (Ref:

<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2002/04/26/1019441303552.html>)

The guidelines state that names of divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons. The recognition and acknowledgement of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, and the pride of future generations of Gippsland is, I'm sure you will agree, the strongest of reasons for this change.

The move to change the name has bi-partisan support, with the local member Russell Broadbent advocated for it for years.

Like most residents of McMillan, my greatest concern is that the name be changed. As to what a preferred name would be, I would suggest a consultation process with the local Aboriginal community for a suitable alternative.

I wish you all the best, and look forward to seeing this issue resolved once and for all, for the sake of the pride of our region and our nation.

Warm Regards,
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