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Change of Name for McMillan Electorate

I wish to encourage the AEC to change the name of the McMillan Electorate as an act of true reconciliation between indigenous and non- indigenous Australians in Gippsland.

Although the true history has long been ignored, it is now well known and accepted that Angus Mc Millan was responsible for the massacres of many indigenous Australians in and around what we now know as the Gippsland area and instrumental in taking their land.

Thus, having this electorate named after him is a travesty to our history and a cause of continued anguish and sorrow to descendants of those massacred all those years ago.

I would also like to commend to the AEC the Bass Coast & South Gippsland Reconciliation Group's recommendation that local Gunai Kurnai people be given a chance to re-name the electorate.

I believe representatives from these communities are currently involved in the Gunaikurnai Naming Committee.

By removing Angus McMillan's name from the electorate and allowing the Gunai Kurnai representatives a say in what the new name should be, we can go at least some little way in acknowledging past wrongs committed in our region.