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Dear Chairman Tom Rogers,

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the new proposed site named after Vivian Bulwinkel. An amazing woman, and in surviving the Banka massacre and the prison of war horror, was able to bring to the world's attention that horrific war crime. Bulwinkel has now been honoured at the War Museum (public subscription) and is the first woman depicted there. She is well known, and well thought of, as she should be. However, she is not a West Australian and only lived here in the last years of her life. There has been constant criticism of the anonymity of those other nurses who died. Chairman Rogers, the memorial at Pt Walter, to the nurses (also public subscription) has not the funds to be completed. Surely, instead of Bulwinkel we could honour the two girls who came from that region and died for their country. Alma Beard of Toodyay and Minnie Hodgson of York. Born and worked in the region until they went to war, and their young lives were ended. It would mean so much to ALL nurses, that Viv Bulwinkel, great work she completed, was not a lone Florence Nightingale.

Thankyou for your time.

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