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I attach a copy of a letter which I have sent to the Prime Minister in consideration of announcing the name of the proposed new Electoral Division in Western Australia from the proposed "Bulwinkle" to the more appropriate and relevant, "Beard".

I have forwarded a submission to the AEC via the email address published but, differently to some of my colleagues, I have not had an acknowledgement of receipt of my submission. I believe that this is an important matter which is why I have now contacted you directly.

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I refer to the proposed newly created Division of Bullwinkel.

Whilst the exploits and life of Vivian Bullwinkel are, indeed, amazing given her serendipitous escape from the massacre at Bangka Island in 1942 it should, nevertheless, be acknowledged that she was a born and bred Eastern States lady who, essentially, spent most of her life living and working in the Eastern States only coming to Perth, on marriage, at the age of 62 in 1977.

On the other hand, Sister Alma Beard, one those nurses killed at the Bangka Island massacre, aged 29, was born and brought up in Toodyay - one of the proposed constituent entities of the proposed new Division - and spent her entire life, until posted overseas in World War 2, in Perth and the immediate surrounding area.

There are other nurses from Western Australia who were also victims of this massacre and who could be considered, but Alma Beard is the one more closely associated with the proposed new Division.

I sincerely believe that the chosen name of the proposed new Division has been made in error and little or no consideration has been given to a worthy West Australian. The Division would be much more appropriately dedicated to Alma Beard who gave her life for this country, and I would beseech you to support this proposal which would be more readily accepted by West Australians.

I have made a submission to the AEC and have also similarly canvassed the WA Premier, and the Leader of the Opposition.


ALLAN HENSHAW