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To the Australian Electoral Commission
Via Online Submission

Re: Victorian Redistribution

I am writing to express my interest in seeing the Federal Electorate renamed to Barak, in honour of William Barak, the leader of the Wurundjeri people and of the Coranderk, an Aboriginal Mission, situated near the township of Healesville.

William Barak's leadership – including two significant "walks" for land rights and recognition from Healesville to Parliament House in Melbourne – continues to inspire advocacy by First Nations people in Australia.

A detailed account of William Barak's life, leadership and community activism for his people can be found here:

<https://victoriancollections.net.au/media/exhibitions/5fbd8956d5fa8108043fc480/6333e3708e72b8ed3aea3a4a/original.pdf>

Renaming the seat to Casey will not diminish recognition of Lord Richard Casey, MP and Governor General. He is already recognized with the local government area, City of Casey, named after him. The City of Casey is situated in the Federal seat of Latrobe where Lord Casey served as an MP.

Lord Casey has no geographic ties to the region of the Federal Electorate of Casey. He was not born there and did not serve as an MP there.

William Barak has tribal, birth and historically significant ties to the region deserving of recognition.

Please consider renaming it

Yours faithfully

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Casey FE constituent

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