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# Comment on objections 4

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Redistribution Committee for Western Australia  
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Dear Committee Members,

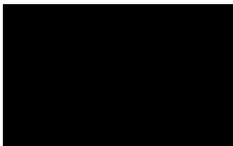
I am writing in support of OB1, OB8, OB10, OB13, OB15, OB17, OB18, OB19, OB20, OB21, OB22, OB24, OB25, OB26, OB29, OB34, OB37, OB38, OB41, OB43, and OB45 and their expressed objection to the naming of Western Australia's proposed new division being named Bullwinkel.

I agree wholeheartedly that Lieut. Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel is a deserving candidate to have a division named for her. However for it to be a division in Western Australia is doing a disservice to the many more suitable candidates who have a much stronger connection to our state.

Professor Hancock (OB8,19,29) makes a strong point for naming the new division using a Noongar word to reflect the Noongar culture or as also suggested Yagan an eminent member of the Whadjuk Noongar people.

The support for Beard, by so many of the objections including but not limited to the Shire of Toodyay, cannot be dismissed lightly. Sister Alma Beard's connection to the proposed division is undeniable, and that she alongside Minnie Ivy Hodgson (a fellow Western Australian) were murdered as POW of Japan in the Banka Island massacre that Bullwinkel survived, I feel only strengthens the choice of these nurses over Bullwinkel.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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