

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

We, the undersigned citizens of Victoria, call on the Legislative Assembly of Victoria to note:

John Monash was recognised as the most effective commander in France, 1918. He commanded an Army of five Australian Divisions (up to eight Divisions when international resources were added to his command at one time) designated a Corps by the British to keep the upstart “Dominion” of Australia in its place.

In the civil sphere his engineering skills built much of Victoria’s early infrastructure and mastered brown coal as a source for that state’s electricity. His community status enabled him to resolve a major police strike in Victoria and ensured there was no anti-Semitism in Australia. As a true democrat, he stood against fascism.

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria call on the State Government to request the posthumous promotion of JOHN MONASH to the rank of Field Marshal in the Australian Defence Force.

Thus honouring a great Australian.



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