

Statement

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The Victorian Liberals have split on the floor of Parliament today over the name of a lake.

Last year, we honoured Sikh communities by naming a lake in Melbourne's southeast after Guru Nanak.

Brad Battin personally campaigned against it – hosting a notorious rally and circulating a hurtful petition that divided the community and hurt Sikh Victorians.

Today, under huge pressure from the community, the flip-flopping Liberals have *voted against their own petition* that called for Guru Nanak Lake to be cancelled.

It just goes to show – if division is what you're about, then division is what you'll get.

Sikh communities are still healing from the pain of what they were put through last year.

I'm proud of my friendship with Sikhs and I'll stand with them every day – not just when it's convenient.