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### **Immigration Bridge**

I have registered and paid \$110.00 in remembrance of my Grandfather Pietro (Peter) Varena who migrated to Australia in 1889 at the age of 22, settling in Victoria.

Pietro was the first Italian to settle in Canberra. In 1924 he moved to Canberra with his wife, six daughters and one son (my father) where they were given accommodation in what was called the Mess in Western Creek, which he started as a Boarding House for the influx of workmen who arrived in the area.

Pietro's family married in Canberra and Queanbeyan as were their children. There is five generations of the Varena's with most still living in Canberra.

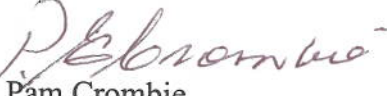
It would be nice to see this Bridge go ahead in acknowledgment of Peter and for future generations of all migrants who worked to build this country and Canberra.

It is typical of these groups coming out to oppose the Bridge, if they don't like it what is their alternative. The Yachties have also had a lot to say, since when has it solely belonged to those, the Lake should be for all of Canberra residence and all water sports. As a matter of interest my husband worked on the building of the Lake and surrounding roads

Without you are high profile you don't get any recognition, it was the hard work of the ordinary worker who built Canberra from 1920's to what it is today.

I fully support this Immigration Bridge.

Regards



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