



**The Federal Redistribution 2008**  
**Tasmania**

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**Public Objection Number 12**

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Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to lodge an objection to the recommendation by the AEC's Redistribution Committee to retain the name of Denison for the Denison Electorate instead of Inglis Clark or Clark for the following reasons:

1. Al Clark was one of our founding fathers, as such it is most unfortunate that he does not have an electorate named after him.
2. The guidelines regarding electorate name changes did not prevent the change from Darwin to Braddon, nor Wilmot to Lyons.
3. The Redistribution Committee erred in its claim that there were six submissions in support. There were, I understand, sixteen submissions in support of the proposal.
4. There were not two submissions against the proposal, only one (submitted twice) by the Hon. Michael Hodgman QC MHA. These submissions were, I understand, so full of inaccurate claims that they must be disregarded. (I believe that the Hon. Michael Hodgman has a rather quaint approach to many matters of community interest - but I hasten to add that this comment is not part of my objection).

I understand also that Denison himself was not known for his support of democratic principles. He was, I believe, opposed to the abolition of transportation.

The support of the Australian Electoral Commission to give serious consideration to the above and to disregard the recommendation of the Redistribution Committee would be appreciated by those of us who have great regard for the Hare Clark Electoral System and its history.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gordon Goward'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Gordon Goward