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Proposed name change for the Division of Denison.

The reasons given for rejecting a proposed name change appear to be totally inadequate given that there were proposals for the name change across party lines and only one person raised an objection, while the name of Andrew Inglis Clark clearly fitted the category of a deceased Australian - and Tasmanian - who had rendered outstanding service to his country, both as an architect of the Constitution and the Hare-Clark voting system, the most democratic system in the world.

The argument that every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation divisions ignores the fact that two of the previous names have already been changed, when Braddon and Lyons were renamed in 1955 and 1982, and there is not likely to be substantial redrawing of boundaries in Tasmania with divisions drawn up at the time of Federation.

This year was suitable for a change to Inglis Clark because it is the 100th anniversary of his death and he is arguably with Jo Lyons, Tasmania's most famous son, even if he was not a former Prime Minister.

I hope that bearing these arguments and precedents in mind, the committee will reconsider its decision.

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