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As this year is the 100th anniversary of the death of Andrew Inglis Clark, it seems appropriate to change the name of the seat of Denison to Inglis Clark.

There are precedents for this in Tasmania with the changes to the names of Braddon and Lyons and changing the name from Denison follows both these precedents, acknowledging the importance of Andrew Inglis Clark to Australian political and constitutional history just as we acknowledged Jo Lyons as the only Tasmanian to become Federal Prime Minister and Wilmot as a former Governor being replaced by Braddon.

Inglis Clark was arguably Tasmania's most famous son. He was a major architect of the Federal Constitution and a forward looking state politician where he devised what is still the most equitable and democratic voting system in the world (Hare-Clark) and was the first MHA to argue for votes for women.

It seems appropriate that as a political figure who looked to the future that he should replace Denison, a British aristocrat who represented the past with his support for continued transportation and a conservative structure for the new Upper House, representing the interests of the gentry in Van Diemen's Land.

Andrew Inglis Clark was known as 'Inglis' to his contemporaries and the constituency name "Inglis Clark" clarifies who he was rather than just "Clark".

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