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Dear Committee

Suggestion re Municipality of Flinders

The West Coast Council submission dated 11 April 2008, at page 3, appears to suggest that the area of the Municipality of Flinders, i.e. the Furneaux Group of islands, be removed from the Federal Electoral Division of Bass. It does not suggest where the electors of Flinders should be placed.

It would seem to me a mistake to suggest that the Furneaux Group be placed in any Electoral Division other than Bass. To create an enclave whereby a group of off-shore islands were in an electorate different from the closest adjacent part of the Tasmanian mainland has no merit.

Re-naming the Division of Denison

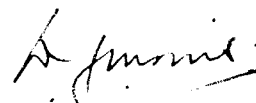
As part of the redistribution, there are a number of public submissions supporting a proposal originating from Mr Peter Jones that the Federal Division of Denison be re-named as the Division of 'Inglis Clark'.

The Hon. Andrew Inglis Clark (Senior) (1848-1907) was indeed one of our most distinguished sons, and can be properly regarded as the principal draftsman of the Australian Constitution. However, his surname was 'Clark', not 'Inglis Clark' and he is generally referred to as 'Clark' in most accurate references, including in the record of proceedings of the Constitutional Conventions and throughout Judge Neasey's excellent biography.

Inglis was the maiden name of his mother, Ann, and, as was common practice of the time, was used as a second Christian name for one of the sons of the marriage of Alex and Ann Clark. In his turn, Clark gave each of his eight children the second name 'Inglis', however the best evidence of how Clark's own family approached the name is that the unpublished biography written by his son Carrel was entitled "Draft Life of A. I. Clark". The Committee should take this into account when considering any change.

Clark is certainly more deserving of having a Tasmanian electorate named after him than Sir William Denison.

Yours sincerely



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