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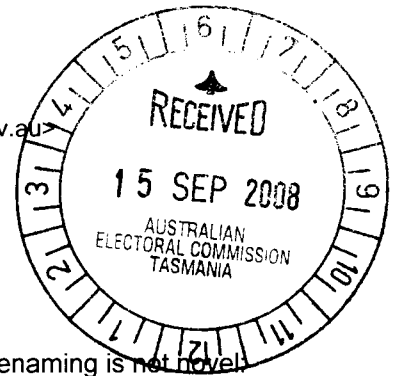
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## renaming of Denison



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I would like to urge the AEC to reconsider its position on the seat of Denison. Renaming is not novel, there are plenty of precedents. In this case we have a Tasmanian, Hobart born Andrew Inglis Clark, who has made an enormous contribution to our State. He was in part responsible for the establishment of the University here, a member of the House of Assembly, Attorney General, a member of the Supreme Court and a strong advocate of many progressive issues, including votes for women and making Australia a Republic, and of course he put in place the Hare-Clark system that we use in Tasmania.

Governor Denison was arrogant, unpopular and on record as saying: "There is an essentially democratic spirit, which actuates a large mass of the community; and it is with a view to check the development of this spirit that I would suggest the formation of an upper chamber." Not that I'm against the Upper House, far from it, but his reason is unacceptable -- and for many years after Denison the electorate for his upper chamber was outrageously elitist. He was sympathetic to indigenous Tasmanians, true, but comparing the two men and their identification with, and contribution to, this State there is no contest.

Please revise the seat of Denison to the name of Inglis Clark.

Thank you for your attention.

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