



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



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## **Objection to decision to retain electorate name of Denison**

*On behalf of The Hon. Justice Peter Heerey by Bob Holderness-Roddam.*

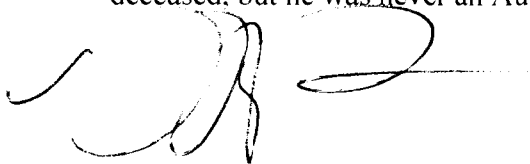
Unfortunately the Hon. Justice Peter Heerey is overseas, so he has authorised me to object to the decision to retain the electorate name of Denison. He says:

“Par 48 of the Report of the Committee suggests that the characterisation of Andrew Inglis Clark as "the primary architect of our Constitution" was mine. In fact, as my submission made clear, it was from a far more distinguished source, Justice Deane in the High Court in a major Constitutional case: *Theophanous v Herald & Weekly Times Ltd* (1994) 182 CLR 104 at page 172.

If the naming of federal divisions should take into account, amongst other things, the person's role in the history of Australia as a federated nation, there would seem to be no contest between Andrew Inglis Clark and a colonial Governor whose only connection with Tasmania occurred some half century before federation (and who, as far as I am aware, displayed no enthusiasm for federation ).”

The Hon Justice Peter Heerey also supports the following statements:

1. Al Clark was one of our founding fathers, as such it is a national disgrace 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 – given the letters from six distinguished Australians included with the Holderness-Roddam submission and the four in response to the initial submissions – there were 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 so full of inaccurate claims that they must be disregarded.
5. The guidelines state that “*Divisions should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country*”. Denison is undoubtedly deceased, but he was never an Australian.



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