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ELECTORATE OF DENISON
CHANGE OF NAME TO INGLIS CLARK

I write in support of the proposal to change the name of the Electorate of Denison to Inglis Clark, after Andrew Inglis Clark (1848-1907).

Inglis Clark, a life long resident of Hobart, had an outstanding career in law and politics.

His life is fully described in the biography *Andrew Inglis Clark* by F M and L J Neasey, University of Tasmania Law School, 2001.

His outstanding achievement was his work with Griffith, Deakin, Barton and Kingston in the debates in the 1890s leading up to Federation. Sir William Deane, when a Justice of the High Court, spoke of Inglis Clark as "the primary architect of the Australian Constitution" (*Theophanous v Herald and Weekly Times Ltd* (1994) 182 CLR 104, 172).

Next to Prime Minister Joseph Lyons (already honoured in the name of a Tasmanian electorate) Inglis Clark is probably the Tasmanian who has played the most significant role in Australia's political and constitutional history.

The time has come for the appropriate recognition of Inglis Clark, one of Tasmania's greatest sons, and a founder of our nation.

Hon Justice Peter Heerey