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## Support for submissions recommending Denison electorate name-change



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Subject Support for submissions recommending Denison electorate name-change to Inglis-Clark

To: Members of the Redistribution Committee

Re: Submissions 4 (Peter D Jones), 6 (Bob Holderness-Roddam), 10 (Corey J Peterson) and 16 (Australian Labor Party - Tasmanian Branch)

I strongly support suggestions made by the respondents listed above in relation to changing the name of the electorate of Denison to Inglis-Clark.

In the year of the centenary of his death it would be a perfect opportunity to at last honour Andrew Inglis-Clark. Although a long time coming, it would be an important recognition for this little-discussed forefather of Tasmanian democracy and important national figure as arguably the prime architect of the Australian constitution.

Also, as described in most of the submissions I have noted, the contrast between the protagonists could not have been starker: on the one hand Inglis-Clark, whose voting system and intent was to always further democracy, whilst on the other hand, Governor Denison who was reported to want to put the brakes on democracy with the system of election he introduced to Tasmania's Upper House. Another important point is the Hare-Clark electoral system which the Tasmanian Legislative Assembly and Tasmanian Local Government elections uses. Inglis-Clark's system of proportional representation is something of which Tasmanians are very proud.

In summary, I wholeheartedly support changing the name of the Denison electorate to Inglis-Clark. The submissions I have listed clearly spell out the reasons why Inglis-Clark is the clear choice.

Yours sincerely

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