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## Submission on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution details

Category: Names

Details: My submission is concerning the proposed renaming of Franklin to Tongerlongeter.

The current name is well understood and honouring an early governor which is appropriate. This person was there for the establishment of an orderly society.

The desire to name it after a person who killed some 180 settlers, wounding as many again seems inappropriate. They were defending there land but equally the settlers were easy prey. It seems, if you want to record this some other recognition would be more appropriate.

The renaming goes against 1st the AEC standard procedure which is to preserve names which have existed since Federation. 2nd the AEC retired Batman because of him unsavoury personal conduct which is appropriate, thus to venerate Tongerlonger, whose many casualties included women and children; clearly unsavoury personal conduct. In addition, Flinders is much easier to pronounce.

I would also state that it seems all people in the world flock to western countries and yet we seem focus on trying to remove these links to a democratic western culture and run down the very culture which has blessed so many.

In addition, aboriginal treatment of there women folk is also questionable with arranged marriages, multiple marriages, use of witchcraft, and other issues which is not consistent with our western

culture.

Thus I summarize by stating the name should stay as Flinders and another form of recognition be used for Tongerlongeter thus celebrating the western culture which has blessed so many including aboriginal women and men. Focusing on the blessings of the current system will be to the benefit of all Australians.

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