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I oppose the name change of the electorate of Franklin on 3 grounds.

1. Procedural: The proposal to change the name was not proposed with the rest of the changes to Tasmanian electorates. This has given very little time for people to respond to the change, and it makes it seem like the AEC is trying to quickly sneak the change through without appropriate scrutiny and consideration. This alone should preclude any consideration of a name change at this time.

2. Franklin's legacy: The AEC has failed to make any sort of argument that Sir John Franklin is not deserving of commemoration. The AEC should be required to demonstrate and gain consensus that Sir John Franklin is not an appropriate figure to have honoured with the naming of an Electorate. Franklin was the Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania for 6 years, and along with his wife Jane, for whom the electorate name should also extend recognition to the same way the electorate of Lyons contributed enormously to the development of Tasmania, promoting the establishment of a museum, university and public gardens. Sir John Franklin also contributed enormously to exploration and science with his various expeditions, ultimately giving his life in this service in 1847. The electorate was formed in 1903 so while technically not an original electorate, it is so longstanding it should be considered as such.

3. The inappropriateness of Tongerlongeter as a figure of commemoration: While some people draw

inspiration from his resistance to colonisation, he was known for targeting women and children in his attacks (Reynolds, Henry; Clements, Nicholas (2021). *Tongerlongeter*. Sydney: NewSouth. ISBN 9781742237770., Clements, Nicholas (2014). *The Black War*. St Lucia: UQP. ISBN 9780702250064., Ryan, Lyndall (2012). *Tasmanian Aborigines*. Crows Nest: Allen & Unwin. ISBN 9781742370682.). This behaviour alone makes him an inappropriate figure to name an electorate after, and should result in the cancellation of this proposal. It would bring the AEC into disrepute to knowingly name a federal electorate after such a figure in the modern era.
