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I respectfully submit my objection to the proposal to rename a Tasmanian electorate after Tongerlongeter.

I acknowledge that Tasmania has a complex and often painful history, and I recognise the importance of preserving and educating future generations about the history and culture of Tasmanian Aboriginal people. However, I do not believe that naming an electorate after a historical figure associated with the Black War is an appropriate way to achieve that recognition.

Electorate names should, in my view, be inclusive and bring communities together rather than risk creating further division. While some view Tongerlongeter as a leader who defended Country, others associate the period of the Black War with violence, loss of life, and conflict affecting both Aboriginal people and European settlers. Naming a public electorate after an individual connected to that conflict is therefore likely to be viewed differently across the community.

Tasmania has many opportunities to recognise Aboriginal history and culture through education, cultural heritage, place names, museums, and memorials without changing established electorate names that have long formed part of our states democratic identity.

I also believe that any significant renaming of electorates should reflect broad community support.

Decisions of this nature should unite Tasmanians rather than become a source of ongoing disagreement.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission retain the existing electorate name and reconsider the proposed change.

Thank you for considering my submission.
