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Details: To the Redistribution Committee for Tasmania,
As a 8 years resident in Franklin, I am writing to formally object to the proposal to rename the current Division of Franklin to the Division of Tongerlongeter. While I understand the Committee's desire to acknowledge significant figures in Tasmanian history, I believe this specific proposal is ill-advised.
The proposed redistribution of southern Tasmanian electorates is already the most significant and disruptive in recent memory. Moving approximately 114,000 Tasmanians into new electorates creates enough confusion for the voting public without adding a confusing and unfamiliar name to the ballot. Introducing a complete change of identity for the electorate at the same time as moving the boundaries further complicates the democratic process for voters who are already trying to adjust to new local representation.
Furthermore, the proposed name is exceptionally long and complex for an electoral division. In public discourse, electoral names need to be concise and easily recognizable to voters. There is a very high risk that the name will be subject to ridicule and mockery within the community. An electorate name should command respect and clarity; a name that invites derision regardless of the historical intent ultimately diminishes the office and the dignity of the electoral process.
The name "Franklin" is well-established and carries a long history of local association. Given the scale of the boundary changes which essentially turn Franklin into a new seat retaining the existing name provides a

vital anchor of stability. It is unnecessary to force a name change onto an electorate that is already undergoing such fundamental geographic restructuring. For these reasons, I urge the Committee to retain the name "Franklin" to ensure clarity, respect, and stability for the electorate and its voters.
Yours sincerely,

Mark Warman
