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Details: While Tasmania has very few Aboriginal place names compared to the mainland states, I believe it is illconsidered to adopt a highly contentious name of a warrior who was known for brutality. In order to get acceptance place names rather than people, or people that are universally respected are the best route. Governor Franklin is judged by today's standards and not those of his time. In seeking to target colonial people Aboriginal groups under the influence of leftwing historians, are reviving past conflicts and doing the opposite of reconciliation. The policy of relocating Aboriginal people to Flinders Island for instance was done from the best of intentions but the outcome was tragic, like almost all official actions of the times. Governor Franklin did many positive things for Tasmania: Governor Sir John Franklin's most significant achievement was transforming Tasmania (then Van Diemen's Land) into the intellectual and cultural hub of the Australian colonies during his tenure from 1837 to 1843. He achieved this by heavily promoting science, education, and the arts. Advancing Education: He established a secular public school system and imported qualified English teachers. Promoting Science: He founded the Tasmanian Natural History Society (later the Royal Society of Tasmania, the first Royal scientific society established outside of Britain) and subsidized the Tasmanian Journal of Natural History. He also set up the Rossbank Observatory. Encouraging Exploration: He actively sponsored exploration, including his own arduous expedition through the untamed wilderness between Lake St Clair and the West Coast. Fostering Community:

He founded the Hobart Anniversary Regatta to bring together the divided factions of the capital through a common love of sailing. Restricting Alcohol: He instituted a law in 1838 forbidding the distillation of spirits in Tasmania. This act remained in effect for over 150 years and inadvertently helped preserve a pristine environment that paved the way for Tasmania's modern artisanal spirit boom. This proposed change should not be imposed on Tasmanians, we have already had the disgraceful attacks on Dr. Crowther, again judging him from the standpoint of the present, a man who did much to help people as a medical doctor.
