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Details: Feedback on the Proposed Redistribution Retention of the Name Franklin for the Tasmanian Federal Electorate

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,
I write to provide feedback on the proposed redistribution of federal electorates in Tasmania, particularly the proposal to rename the Division of Franklin. I strongly support retaining the name Franklin.
The Division of Franklin has borne this name since the first federal election in 1903. It honours Sir John Franklin (1786-1847), a distinguished Royal Navy officer, Arctic explorer, and Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemens Land (Tasmania) from 1837 to 1843. Sir John Franklins greatest legacy lies in polar exploration. He participated in early 19th-century Arctic expeditions, including voyages that advanced geographical knowledge and scientific understanding of the polar regions. His leadership of the 1845 expedition aboard HMS Erebus and HMS Terror remains one of the most famous chapters in polar history. Although the expedition ended tragically, Franklins efforts contributed significantly to the mapping of the Northwest Passage and inspired subsequent polar research. His name is synonymous with courage, scientific endeavour, and the spirit of exploration in extreme environments. Retaining the name Franklin for the Tasmanian electorate would help preserve Australias rich polar heritage. Australia maintains a proud and active presence in Antarctica through the Australian Antarctic Territory, research stations, and ongoing scientific programs. Linking an

electorate name to a foundational figure in polar exploration reinforces national recognition of this important aspect of our history and identity. In an era when polar regions face environmental challenges and heightened strategic interest, commemorating explorers like Sir John Franklin is especially meaningful. The proposed boundary changes for Franklin are substantial. Keeping the established name would provide continuity for voters and minimise confusion during the transition. As one of Australia's original Federation electorates, Franklin's name should be retained wherever possible under naming guidelines. I respectfully urge the Commission to retain the name of the Division of Franklin in the final redistribution so that Australia's polar exploration heritage continues to be honoured. Thank you for considering this submission.
Yours sincerely,

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