



Submission FOB263

Parrdarrama Pungenna Aboriginal Corporation

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Submission to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)

To: The Redistribution Committee for Tasmania

From: Parrdarrama Pungenna Aboriginal Corporation(PPAC) INC 7133

Subject: Submission on Proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries and Electorate Naming.

The Parrdarrama Pungenna Aboriginal Corporation writes to formally register its position regarding the proposed federal electorate boundaries and naming conventions in Tasmania. As a recognised Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO), our corporation holds direct cultural authority over the traditional lands of the Oyster Bay Tribe. The geographic footprint of the proposed electorate directly intersects with our ancestral country. This status vests our organisation with the cultural mandate to advise on, approve, and advocate for the appropriate use of traditional language, historical figures, and place names within this region.

We strongly advocate for the AEC to name the relevant federal electorate **Tongerlongeter (tong ah long ada)** should his name be used in recognition.

We do not support the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre variant in the 'reconstructed language' of palawa kani – **Tukalunginta(tuk ah lung een tah)**. This is due to the many Aboriginal language groups before colonisation with their own dialects. To align all languages to palawa kani is not supported by PPAC for recognition of one of our ancestors for the proposed redistributed electorate within our cultural authority. Our language words have their own dialect and pronunciation that is in line with other historically recorded language words of the paredareme language groups.

Tongerlongeter was a formidable leader and chief of the Oyster Bay nation. He led a fierce resistance campaign to defend his people, culture, and country during the Black War.

Naming a federal seat after a significant Aboriginal resistance leader aligns with national guidelines on electoral naming, which encourage honoring Indigenous history. It serves as a vital act of truth-telling and reconciliation.

Because the proposed electorate spans across the traditional lands of the Oyster Bay Tribe, utilising this name roots the electorate's identity in the true, deep history of the land it represents.

The Parrdarrama Pungenna Aboriginal Corporation formally provides its cultural authorisation for the use of the name Tongerlongeter for this federal seat.

We remind the Redistribution Committee that naming conventions involving Aboriginal words or historical figures must be guided by the appropriate, contemporary ACCO holding cultural authority.

Our corporation represents the descendants and modern-day cultural custodians of this

country. We explicitly support and endorse this name to ensure Tasmanian Aboriginal history is elevated to the federal stage.

We request that the Redistribution Committee fully considers the weight of Indigenous cultural authority when finalising the electorate boundaries and names. Naming this seat Tongerlongeter is a profound way to honor the enduring legacy of the Oyster Bay Tribe and the Tasmanian Aboriginal communities.

We welcome the opportunity to consult further on this matter.

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