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Good evening

Please find attached Tasmanian Labor's submission to Round 3: Further feedback on the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution.

Kind regards

Gordon Luckman

I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Traditional Owners on the lands we live and work on. I pay my respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.



21 July 2026

via email: fedredistribution-tas@aec.gov.au

Dear Commissioner,

Public Input Round 3 Further Feedback: Objection to the proposed renaming of the Division of Franklin

Tasmanian Labor thanks the augmented Electoral Commission for its consideration of submissions and welcomes the opportunity to respond to the proposed redistribution announced on 15 July 2026. This submission relates to the proposal to retire the name Franklin and rename the reconfigured electorate Tongerlongeter.

Summary

Tasmanian Labor does not oppose the recognition of Tasmanian Aboriginal leaders in the names of federal electorates. Tongerlongeter's leadership and his significance in Tasmanian history are not in question.

It is Tasmanian Labor's submission that the proposed renaming should not proceed at this redistribution because the community consultation necessary to support a change of this significance has not yet occurred. A name intended as an honour cannot be conferred over the objection of the community whose history it draws on.

The Committee should retain the name Franklin at this redistribution. Any future renaming should follow further consultation and community discussion including with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

The statutory timeframe cannot deliver the consultation required

The Electoral Act provides seven days for further written objections and a public consultation session to be held on 31 July 2026. Tasmanian Labor acknowledges that these timeframes are fixed by legislation and are not within the Commission's discretion to extend.

Genuine consultation of communities requires early engagement and time for internal community deliberation. A seven day window commencing after the announcement of a proposal cannot meet that standard. If the statutory process cannot deliver adequate consultation, the proposal should not proceed.

The naming guidelines requirements remain unmet

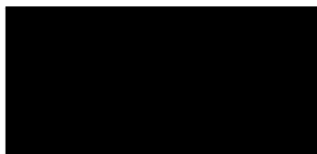
Tasmanian Labor maintains the position set out in its submission of 26 March 2026. The Guidelines for Naming Federal Electoral Divisions provide that every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation divisions, and that names should not be changed without very strong reasons. Franklin has been in continuous use for more than 120 years, and a majority of electors in the reconfigured division are drawn from the existing Franklin.

Conclusion

Tasmanian Labor submits that the augmented Electoral Commission should retain the name Franklin for the reconfigured division at this redistribution.

On behalf of Tasmanian Labor, I thank the Commission for its consideration and remain available to provide any additional information or clarification the Commission may require.

Kind regards



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