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Hello

I have recently seen the name change of Franklin to Tongerlongeter and I wish for the name to be reconsidered and instead it should honour a prominent Tasmanian woman, as all other Tasmanian electorates are named after men (Lyons being somewhat of an exception due to Dame Enid Lyons, although it's mostly named after Joseph Lyons). As such I would nominate Fanny Cochrane Smith or Truganini.

Fanny Cochrane Smith contributed an enduring cultural legacy to Tasmania Aboriginal people due to her recordings of the Palawa language, which has been preserved and allowed for future generations to reconstruct and speak their ancestral language.

Secondly, Truganini is seen as the last "full-blooded Tasmanian Aboriginal" and is seen as a resistance figure to colonisation. Her life represents the enduring history and resilience of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

There is already division over naming the electorate Tongerlongeter online, it is also known that he would commonly torture innocent victims as described in the book "Tongerlongeter: First Nations Leader and Tasmanian War Hero" by Henry Reynolds and Nicholas Clements. I don't think we should honour him by naming an electorate after him, as such I believe that we should strongly reconsider naming it after Fanny Cochrane Smith or Truganini.

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