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, Alexandra - Redistribution TAS - Submission on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution (feedback)

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I wish to express my opposition to the proposal to rename the federal electorate of Franklin to **Tongerlongeter**.

While I acknowledge the importance and contribution of First Nations people, I do not believe Tongerlongeter is an appropriate choice for the name of a modern Australian electorate.

Historical accounts indicate that Tongerlongeter was involved in violent conflict during the Black War, including targeted attacks that resulted in the murder of women and children. Regardless of the broader historical context I feel naming a federal electorate after such a divisive figure risks causing unnecessary hurt and division within the community.

I also believe that, at a time when women remain significantly underrepresented in the names of Australia's federal electorates, this is an opportunity to recognise a prominent woman whose legacy has had a lasting and positive impact on Tasmania.

I feel there are more widely respected and unifying figures who would make excellent namesakes. For example, **Mathinna** who was adopted by the Franklins and later abandoned by the Franklins. I feel that it would serve as some justice to rename Franklin after her. **Fanny Cochrane Smith** extraordinary contribution to preserving Tasmanian Aboriginal language and culture and remains one of the state's most important indigenous historical figures.

Alternatively you have also identified **Jessie Spink Rooke** and I feel naming the electorate in her honour would recognise both Tasmania's history and the significant contribution of women to public life.

I respectfully urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider the proposed name of Tongerlongeter and instead select a name that reflects values of unity, reconciliation and broad community respect. I definitely feel it's time to recognise a women and that the recognition of an Indigenous woman such as Fanny Cochrane Smith, the historical significance of Mathinna, or the outstanding civic contribution of Jessie Spink Rooke would all make a far better choice.

Thank you for considering my submission.