



# Submission FOB68

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# Justice, Vic - Redistribution TAS - Submission on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution (feedback)

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## Submission on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution details

**Category:** Names  
**Details:**

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**To:** The Augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania

**Subject:** Objection to the Proposed Renaming of the Division of Franklin to Tongerlongeter

**Objector Details:**

- **Name:** Dr Vic Justice

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**Formal Objection Overview**

I am writing to formally object to the Augmented Electoral Commission's proposal to rename the federal division of Franklin to Tongerlongeter. While I acknowledge the historical importance of the proposed individual, this change directly conflicts with the long-standing AEC Guidelines for Naming Federal Electorates. Furthermore, proposing a change of this magnitude without proactive, prior public consultation sets a concerning administrative precedent that could destabilise the identity of other established divisions across Australia.

I request that the Commission retain the historical name of Franklin, based on the following guidelines:

**1. Retention of Original Federation Electorate Names**

- **AEC Naming Guideline:** *"Every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation electorates."*
- **Grounds for Objection:** The Division of Franklin is one of Tasmania's original five federal electorates, established at Federation in 1903. For more than 120 years, it has maintained a continuous, stable geographic and political identity. Stripping a foundational Federation name violates this guideline's core priority.

**2. Requirement for "Very Strong Reasons" to Change Established Names**

- **AEC Naming Guideline:** *"Names of electorates should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons."*
- **Grounds for Objection:** The reconfiguration of the southern boundaries does not fundamentally alter the region's core socio-demographic identity to the extent that it warrants a complete name erasure. A name change of this magnitude lacks a compelling justification that outweighs 123 years of institutional heritage.

**3. Preservation of Stability and Prevention of Voter Confusion**

- **AEC Naming Guideline Context:** The guidelines emphasise historical continuity to maintain clear links between electors and their divisions.

- **Grounds for Objection:** Retaining the name Franklin minimises widespread voter confusion. Renaming a highly populated, long-standing seat would introduce unnecessary friction for tens of thousands of Tasmanian electors who strongly identify with the existing division name.

#### **4. Prevention of an Unintended Precedent**

- **AEC Naming Guideline Context:** The guidelines emphasise stability and state that names should not be changed without very strong reasons, implying a high threshold for change to maintain electoral continuity.
- **Grounds for Objection:** Proceeding with a name change of this magnitude without comprehensive, proactive public consultation beforehand sets a concerning administrative precedent. Altering the name of a foundational Federation division under these circumstances creates a pathway for frequent and systemic renaming of other established electorates across Australia. To safeguard the stability of the federal electoral system, this case must not set a precedent for bypassing widespread community engagement before proposing such fundamental shifts in identity.

#### **Conclusion**

Because the proposal contradicts the primary directives to preserve original Federation names, avoid unnecessary name changes, and maintain rigorous standards of public consultation, I strongly urge the Augmented Electoral Commission to reject the name change and retain the title Franklin for this electorate.

Thank you for considering this submission.



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