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Details: The proposed name change is supposedly glorify a warrior in a time of war. An underdog against all odds. Tongerlongeter was a warrior who "inflicted some 354 casualties", according to Henry Reynolds' book. This was in a time of war between settlers and aboriginal people. However, this name change glorifies a warrior against settler Australians - Against our own people, the people who set up the AEC. Perhaps, more accurately, he should be known as a war criminal: There is ample writing in local newspapers to suggest that he also killed noncombatants: settler women and children in October 1828, leading to a declaration of martial law. This name change is morally repugnant. It makes the AEC political where it should be neutral. It sends a signal that the AEC is "woke", and it will lessen trust in results in people opposing the left. I urge the AEC to respect opposition to this name change and its effects on the credibility of the AEC.
