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Details: While I have no opposition to the name Tongerlongeter, and respect the AECs devotion to naming electorates after notable indigenous people, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's opposition to this selection renders it (in my opinion) non-viable. As it is beyond my remit as a descendent of settlers to propose an alternate indigenous name I will leave it to the TAC to propose new culturally-appropriate names for the electorate, and urge the commission to consider all of these as having higher priority than the suggestion I am to make below, noting only that I liked Mr Chipman's proposal of Paredarerme.

SUGGESTIONS:

Name the new area of Franklin to Villeneuve-Smith (or simply Villeneuve), after Francis Villeneuve Smith, Tasmania's third Premier, appointee to the Tasmanian Supreme Court becoming Chief Justice in 1870, significant landholder in the Coal River Valley (the southern part of which extends into the new electorate), both an influential and an interesting character in early Tasmanian history who was notably of direct African descent through his mother, and overcame the prejudices of that time towards such folk to attain a high station in the state.

Alternatively and perhaps more appropriately, name the new area of Franklin to Twamley, after Louisa Anne Twamley, an early Tasmanian writer, illustrator and photographer who lived in the area of Swansea, as well as a social activist who wrote on suffrage, and who was an early member of the Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and whose advocacy therein influenced legislation for the preservation of native wildlife and scenery in Tasmanian parliament, something which Tasmania is now so notable for.

Presupposing that no suitable Palawa name can be found for the electorate, I propose either of the above as an alternative to Franklin - one of a notable Tasmanian Premier, Attorney-General and judge who also represents Tasmania's multicultural history, the other of a notable Tasmanian woman who did much to advance the causes of nature and conservation in early Tasmanian history.

Thank you for considering my submission.
