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Details: I think it undermines the integrity and purpose of the AEC to rename electorates without a good reason. Where the electoral map is being completely redrawn, and there is effectively a brand new electorate, that is warranted. Where something is discovered about the person for whom an existing electorate is named which is dreadful, that may be warranted (though I think it's preferable if we accept that all our ancestors are flawed individuals, as we are). History should be respected; and Franklin is a significant figure in the history of Tasmania and indeed in global history. It is not as if Aboriginal persons or names are not properly represented by electorate names in the House of Representatives. According to your own website, 8 out of 150 electorates (6%) are named after Aboriginal people. Only one of these is for an Aboriginal woman, but the proposed name change does nothing to remedy that 'deficiency'. Best to leave well alone.
