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Details: I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to rename the electorate to Tukulunginta. While I strongly support meaningful recognition of Aboriginal histories and leaders, I believe this particular name change risks misrepresenting the legacy of Tukulunginta and may unintentionally reproduce the very colonial dynamics she resisted.

According to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centres recent media release, Tukulunginta was a respected leader who fought against colonial rule and the dispossession of her people. Naming a contemporary Australian electoral division after her places her legacy within a system of governance she actively resisted. This is not a neutral act of honouring; it reframes her struggle in a way that may distort or diminish its historical truth.

The TAC also emphasises that Tukulungintas descendants and community members were not adequately consulted. Any act of recognition should be grounded in genuine dialogue with the Aboriginal community, especially those with cultural authority and direct connection to the name. Without this, the renaming risks becoming symbolic rather than respectful, and may be perceived as appropriating Aboriginal identity for institutional purposes.

I respectfully ask that the renaming proposal be reconsidered, or at minimum paused, until full and culturally appropriate consultation occurs with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community including Elders, community organisations, and descendants. Recognition

must be led by those whose histories are being invoked, not imposed upon them.

I support efforts to honour Aboriginal leaders and histories, but this must be done in ways that align with community wishes and accurately reflect the legacy of the individuals involved.

Thank you for considering this feedback.
