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Dear committee members

I am writing to express my support for changing the name of the electoral division of Denison to Inglis Clark, in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark's defining contribution to our democracy.

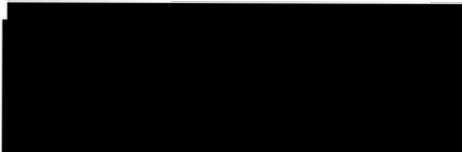
As you'd be aware, Inglis Clark was a remarkable Tasmanian who, in addition to drafting the basis for Australia's Constitution, also fought to extend the franchise and introduce proportional representation in Tasmania.

Given the nature of Inglis Clark's contribution to our country, I think it is only appropriate that the electorate in which he was born and lived be named in his honour. Indeed it seems odd that Governor Denison, a Briton who fought to keep the 'democratic spirit' in check, should have this honour instead.

As a founding father of Australia, it is a mystery why Inglis Clark has not been recognised more widely. I urge the Redistribution Committee to right this wrong by renaming the electorate Inglis Clark.

Denison is not a character who is widely celebrated in Tasmania, yet Inglis Clark's legacy is one we can all be proud of.

Yours sincerely



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