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My idea on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution: Names and Boundaries
Details:

I acknowledge that the current electorate of Franklin is geographically clunky, and its non-contiguous nature is not an ideal outcome. However, including Glenorchy in the same electorate as Sheffield and St. Helens is clunkier, and less ideal: - It essentially still leaves a non-contiguous seat, because the only real direct route between two different parts of the new Lyons (Glenorchy and the rest) requires passing through the new Frankin (Brighton). - In a state that with a distinctive provincial/rural feel, it is more representative for one out of the five electorates to be principally, if not entirely, made of up rural and regional voters. Under the proposed model, rural/regional voters will be outnumbered by city voters in all five electorates. - There is no community of interest at all between Glenorchy, Sheffield, and St. Helens. - For a state with a famously decentralised population, in which the majority of the population live outside the capital city, voters in the

capital city will form the bulk of three out of five electorates. For these reasons, it would be preferable to adjust the proposed model to move Glenorchy into the new Franklin. This would be a relatively contiguous seat, because the new Franklin would be connected by at least two of the three River Derwent crossings (theoretically, it could also include the largely unpopulated Cornelian Bay and Domain part of Hobart City (east of the Brooker Highway) so that the new Franklin was connected by all three bridges. The proposed new Franklin would then lose all of its non-metropolitan East Coast parts to Lyons. By my reckoning, this would mean everything north of Lauderdale and east of the Meehan Range. The Derwent Valley would stay in Lyons. Therefore, the new Franklin would be an urban, relatively small electorate, extending from South Arm to cover all of Hobarts eastern shore to the Bridgewater Bridge, and then down the Western shore as far as New Town. Nomenclature It is jarring that all five Tasmanian electorates are named after white (mostly colonial-era) men. The only woman honoured would be honoured anyway as her name is shared with a former Prime Minister. I would suggest Cochrane Smith to honour an important contributor to maintenance of Tasmanian indigenous culture and language.
