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Tongerlongeter

A suggested name for a new Franklin Electoral Division.¹

Tongerlongeter was a leader from the Oyster Bay Nation on the other side of the Frontier War in Van Diemens Land. He has an entry in the [Australian Dictionary of Biography](#). He is also the subject of a book by [Henry Reynolds and Nicholas Clements](#).

Relevance

Tongerlongeter was a member of the Poredareme clan at Little Swanport - a part of the Oyster Bay Nation (OBN). The OBN had ten clans, and the range of their lands has an uncanny resemblance to the proposed area for the Franklin CED. A side- by- side view of the range of the OBN and the proposed Franklin CED is shown below.

The name Tongerlongeter although long contains the same number of syllables as the Division of Parramatta. The following pronunciation of *tong er longe ter* is suggested (i.e. silent e in Longe.)

Truganina may be better known, though she was from Bruny Island in the proposed new Division of Clark. Mannalargenna may be more revered among the descended Tasmanian Aboriginals though his lands are within the Division of Bass, an electorate which may be a suggestion for a new name at a future redistribution.

I humbly suggest that Tongerlongeter would meet some significant criteria for the naming of a CED. An alternative would be Oyster Bay

¹ Note: this suggestion replaces an earlier posting of this suggestion by aligning the spelling of Tongerlongeter with the spelling found in the Australian Dictionary of Biography. It also suggests a pronunciation that reduces the enunciation effort from five syllables to four by making the *e* in *longe* a silent *e*.

