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Proposed Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries

I wish to raise concerns regarding the proposed removal of the electorate name 'Franklin' and offer an alternative suggestion for the Commission's consideration.

Proposal

Rather than eliminating the name 'Franklin' entirely, I suggest that the current electorate of Clark be renamed Franklin, and that a new, appropriate name be found for the electorate covering the local government areas of Brighton, Glamorgan Spring Bay, Sorell and Tasman.

Reasons

The name 'Franklin' carries significant historical weight in the Tasmanian context. It honours both Sir John Franklin, Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land, and Lady Jane Franklin, who made considerable contributions to the cultural, scientific and educational development of the colony. The town of Franklin in the Huon Valley further anchors this name to a specific and living community.

Relocating the name 'Clark' to the southernmost electorate would sever these important historical connections, removing meaningful recognition of the Franklins' legacy from the electoral map entirely.

Retaining 'Franklin' as an electorate name is therefore both historically responsible and

respectful of the local community it represents.
