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# Further objection number 11

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Liberal Member for Denison

Minister for State Growth  
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The Australian Electoral Commission  
Augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania

25 JUL 2017

Att: Redistribution Secretariat

Dear Commissioners

### Change of name for the electorate of Denison

I refer to the proposal to rename the electorate of Denison to 'Clark' in recognition of the extraordinary contribution of Andrew Inglis Clark to our national public life.

I would like to extend my strong support for recognising Andrew Inglis Clark through a renaming of the electorate.

There would be few Tasmanians who have had a greater impact on the life of our nation than Andrew Inglis Clark. His role as one of the founding fathers of our federation ensures that his impact continues to this day. He also made a significant contribution to Tasmania as a member of the Tasmanian Parliament, as Tasmanian Attorney-General and as a respected Judge of the Tasmanian Supreme Court. He was a great Tasmanian and his contribution deserves appropriate recognition.

I am aware there has been some debate around whether the electorate should be renamed 'Clark' or 'Inglis Clark' in his memory. While either would be suitable, I believe there is a sound argument for renaming the electorate 'Inglis Clark' in preference. Given that Clark is a relatively common name, 'Inglis Clark' would be more readily identifiable as being connected to him. He was also often referred to as 'Inglis Clark' and he appeared to more commonly sign his name as "A. Inglis Clark". I have attached a copy of a sample correspondence for your reference.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Groom MP  
Liberal Member for Denison

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Judges' Chambers,

Hobart.

12 January 1904

The Honourable  
The Attorney General,

Sir, I observe in  
today's Gazette a  
notice signed by  
you that "on the

recommendation of  
their Honours the judges"  
the Governor had

been pleased to appoint  
John Warren Dodds  
Esquire to the position  
of Judge Associate.

I desire to inform  
you that I have  
not made any  
recommendation in  
the matter.

Yours

Yours faithfully  
A. S. Clark