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## Introduction

I am providing comment on most of the objections submitted for the redistribution of Tasmanian electoral divisions.

While I aim to make mention of all of the objections some of them do not contain many details and therefore do not receive much treatment or mention in the narrative of my comments. There are a small number of objections that I could safely ignore, but I have included a notation or mention of them for completeness.

To form a consistent flow with the narrative, I will present my comments focussing on the themes I have identified within the objections and reference the individual objections around these themes. My comments will refer to objections made in relation to the redistribution proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

## Themes presented in objections

### Supporting proposed boundaries

Several objections (OB06, OB11, OB22, OB28, OB82, OB89) supported the changes wholesale. Furthermore, the objections of two of the major parties, OB81 – The Greens, and OB93 – Australian Labor Party, support the changes.

### Out of scope

Two objections (OB48, OB79) related to changing the size or number of divisions within Tasmania and cannot be considered in scope.

### The division of Bass

There were three objections that specifically referenced the proposed **BASS**, one (OB13) in support of the proposed changes, and two specifically (OB67 and OB71) that request Break O' Day Council to be transferred into **BASS**. Another objection (OB68) made mention of the accessibility of the local member from Flinders Island but was otherwise out of scope.

I believe the current proposal to transfer Prospect Vale is sound and is more reasonable than trying to place Break O' Day Council areas in **BASS**.

### Expanding Clark to the south and west

There were four objections (OB19, OB31, OB62, OB75) supporting the inclusion of Kingborough and Huon Valley LGAs in **CLARK**. Furthermore there were no objections that specifically opposed this change, without either rejecting all the changes outright, or as part of the larger **FRANKLIN/LYONS** changes. This leads me to conclude that the change to expand **CLARK** southward is, in and of itself, uncontroversial. Three objections (OB27, OB30 and OB43) suggests the south west be included in **LYONS** instead, among extensive changes including **LYONS** and **BRADDON** and right across the entire state. I would not be in favour of these changes.

## Glenorchy in Lyons

There were two distinct areas of objection<sup>1</sup> here but most of them centred around one fact. The bulk of objections relate to Glenorchy's urban nature and large population dominating the new division and diluting the nature of the existing **LYONS**. There were a few brief mentions of the lack of direct contiguous connections between Glenorchy and the rest of **LYONS**, but it was mentioned. Some had the opposite perspective, that Glenorchy, Hobart and Clarence being split between three divisions would dilute the representation for the Hobart metropolitan area. Some approached it from the perspective of Glenorchy remaining with Hobart LGA in **CLARK**, or Brighton LGA being transferred out of **LYONS**, or the expansion of **LYONS** as an already large division. However, essentially the arguments came down to the boundaries of **LYONS** or **FRANKLIN** and the inclusion of Glenorchy in **LYONS**.

A few objections proposed suggestions or ways to rework the division. Mostly this involved a swap of Glenorchy into **FRANKLIN**, and Brighton into **LYONS**. Obviously, additional electors were required to accommodate the numeric threshold, and this usually resulted in **FRANKLIN** contracting back to Cambridge.

## Franklin expanding to the east coast

Surprisingly there were few objections to the specific changes to expand Franklin into Sorell, Tasman, Glamorgan-Spring Bay changes. This was mentioned in several objections but was mostly in relation to Glenorchy or Brighton being changed and the overall "rural nature" of **LYONS**.

I will note that the Sorell LGA (OB94) was fully in support of the changed **FRANKLIN**.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to Appendix A: Objections about the transfer of Glenorchy into Lyons

## Suggested names for divisions

### Response to Committee's request for suggested names

As the Redistribution Committee suggested members of the public submit suggestions for names for **FRANKLIN**, there was a considerable number of objections proposing new names for divisions, mostly **FRANKLIN**, but in some cases other divisions, or not making any mention of which division they'd seek to rename.

### List of suggested names for divisions other than Franklin

There were a few suggestions for new division names that were not related to finding a new name for **FRANKLIN**.

Existing division name	Proposed division name	Named for	Objections
<b>BASS</b>	<b>BOON</b>	David Boon	OB03
<b>CLARK</b>	<b>BACON</b>	Jim Bacon	OB43
<b>CLARK</b>	<b>FRANKLIN</b>	Swap <b>CLARK</b> and <b>FRANKLIN</b>	OB33; OB42; OB73; OB76; OB92;
<b>CLARK</b>	<b>HOBART</b>	City of Hobart	OB30
<b>CLARK</b>	<b>HODGEMAN</b>	Several members of the Hodgeman family	OB85
<b>NONE</b>	<b>BOWEN</b>	Not specified	OB22
<b>NONE</b>	<b>COCHRANE SMITH</b>	Fanny Cochrane Smith	OB34
<b>NONE</b>	<b>DONALDSON</b>	HM Mary Queen of Denmark	OB05
<b>NONE</b>	<b>TAROONA</b>	Home of HM Mary Queen of Denmark	OB05
<b>NONE</b>	<b>TRUGANINI</b>	Truganini	OB17; OB20
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	no details	OB12

## List of suggested names for the division of Franklin

Most suggestions were as requested by the Committee for a new name for the division of **FRANKLIN**. Including my own list, there were quite a large number of suggestions.

Division name	Named for	Objection
<b>"AN ABORIGINAL NAME"</b>	Unspecified name recognising indigenous persons or place	OB65
<b>BACON</b>	Jim Bacon	OB5; OB60
<b>BOB KATTERS SALMON FARM BOUGHT TO YOU BY THE AFL</b>	Presumably Bob Katter	OB57
<b>CALVERT</b>	Prominent local family	OB04
<b>CAMPBELL</b>	Enid Campbell	OB86
<b>CASIMATY</b>	Bill Casimaty	OB86
<b>CHAUCY</b>	Nan Chaucy	OB78
<b>CLARK</b>	Swap <b>CLARK</b> and <b>FRANKLIN</b>	OB33; OB73; OB76; OB92;
<b>CURTIS</b>	Winnifred Curtis	OB86
<b>DAVIS</b>	Neil Davis	OB86
<b>DERWENT</b>	Derwent River	OB29
<b>DOBSON</b>	Emily Dobson	OB86
<b>EVIL FRANKLIN</b>	Presumably John Franklin	OB56
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	John Frankin	OB18; OB25
<b>FREYCINET</b>	Louis de Freycinet	OB44
<b>GATTY</b>	Harold Gatty	OB30; OB86
<b>GIDDINGS</b>	Lara Giddings	OB08
<b>GLOVER</b>	John Glover	OB30
<b>GOODLUCK</b>	Bruce Goodluck	OB92
<b>GOODWIN</b>	Vanessa Goodwin	OB37; OB86
<b>GREEN</b>	Guy Green	OB86
<b>HELLYEH</b>	Harold Hellyeh	OB30
<b>HUDSPETH</b>	Ken Hudspeth	OB02

Division name	Named for	Objection
<b>HUXLEY</b>	Leonard Huxley	OB86
<b>LANNE</b>	William Lanne	OB80
<b>LONG</b>	Arthur Long	OB86
<b>LUCKMAN</b>	Prominent local family	OB04
<b>MANNALARGENNA</b>	Mannalargenna	OB36
<b>MATHINNA</b>	Mathinna	OB40
<b>MEREDITH</b>	Charles and Louisa Ann Meredith	OB35
<b>MILLER</b>	Geoff Miller	OB86
<b>MORRISBY</b>	Prominent local family	OB04
<b>NICHOLS</b>	Prominent local family	OB04
<b>OGILVIE</b>	Albert Ogilvie	OB64
<b>OYSTER BAY</b>	Oyster Bay	OB69
<b>PALAWA</b>	Local indigenous Nation	OB29
<b>PAREDARERME</b>	Local indigenous Nation	OB11; OB41; OB67
<b>ROOKE</b>	Jessie Rooke	OB30
<b>SCULTHORPE</b>	Peter Sculthopre	OB30
<b>SHERWIN</b>	Amy Sherwin	OB61
<b>SMITH</b>	Fanny Cochrane Smith	OB86
<b>TASMAN</b>	Abel Tasman	OB30; OB31; OB32
<b>TONGERLONGETER</b>	Tongerlongeter	OB36; OB82
<b>TRUGANINI</b>	Truganini	OB35; OB36; OB49; OB50; OB55; OB61; OB70
<b>TURRAKARA</b>	Indigenous name for Tasman Peninsula	OB52; OB53; OB54
<b>VAN DIEMAN</b>	Anthony van Diemen	OB30
<b>WALKER</b>	Jean Walker	OB86

Of these suggested names, a number were suggested to represent individuals who were still living. **BOON**, **DONALDSON GIDDINGS** and **HODGEMAN**, have been suggested to represent a person who was still living, and therefore, not appropriate. I'd also add that **DONALDSON** would commemorate a person who is no longer Australian by definition. Her contributions now are to Denmark not to Australia. Furthermore, both **HODGEMAN** and **BACON** represent state-based politicians who have members of their family living and recently served in politics. Using either of these names could be seen to be a political decision. I also am not convinced that the sole act of becoming a premier of a state is sufficient to be considered to have made a significant contribution to Australia.

The nine suggestions for **TRUGANINI** conflict with the Redistribution Committee's determination that the name already did not have sufficient local connection for **FRANKLIN**. In a similar regard, naming a division **LANNE**, **MANNALARGENNA**, **MATHINNA** or **TONGERLONGETER** seem to be suggested as an early colonial-era Aboriginal person that we know the name of. This is hardly a significant contribution to Australia.

I could support a proposal for **COCHRANE SMITH**, and indeed **SMITH** was one of my suggestions in my own objection (OB86).

I do not support any new geographic names so that rules out **DERWENT**, **HOBART**, **OYSTER BAY**, **TAROONA** and **TURRAKARA**, and essentially **FREYCINET**, **TASMAN** and **VAN DIEMAN**. These last three were suggested more so for the geographic features in the state named for the person, rather than the individual themselves. **PALAWA** and **PAREDARERME** similarly are geographic in their description, with the latter already being rejected by the Committee.

Swapping the division names of **CLARK** and **FRANKLIN** seems counterproductive when the goal is to seek to rename **FRANKLIN**. These suggestions seem to stem from the fact that **FRANKLIN** has more association with the Huon Valley and the small township of Franklin than any other significance. Additionally, **CLARK** was only created for the 2019 election and swapping it to a new area that has never been part of the old **CLARK** would be confusing and disruptive.

One suggestion listed several prominent families, and upon further analysis these could be considered, providing they are not named for living members of the family. I was able to locate individuals with Tasmanian connections to these names but could not connect them prominent families sufficiently to make a judgement on the suggested names. I could not identify who the suggested **BOWEN** would be named for, noting that the objection of the person submitting the objection was also Bowen, possibly suggesting this individual suggests naming the division after themselves or a family member. I could find no reference to Harold Hellyeh as suggested and cannot confirm this individual exists. I wonder if the suggestion **HELLYEH** was misspelt.

Other suggestions are acceptable. **CHAUCY**, **GATTY** (mirroring my own suggestion), **GLOVER**, **GOODLUCK**, **GOODWIN** (again mirroring my suggestion), **HUDSPETH**, **MEREDITH**, **OGILVIE**, **ROOKE**, **SCULTHORPE** and **SHERWIN**. I would not have any objections to the Augmented Committee

naming a division after these individuals. Along with my suggestions of **CAMPBELL, CASIMATY, CURTIS, DAVIS, DOBSON, GATTY, GOODWIN, GREEN, HUXLEY, LONG, MILLER, COCHRANE SMITH** or **SMITH**, and **WALKER**, I believe the Augmented Committee has a wide range of acceptable names to select from.

I urge the Augmented Committee to seriously consider these suggestions above and adopt one of these names as the new name for the division of **FRANKLIN**.

## Appendix

### Appendix A: Objections about the transfer of Glenorchy into Lyons

OB01	Karl
OB07	Yvonne
OB09	Tara Davie
OB14	Anonymous 1
OB16	Bianca Brett
OB21	Martin Gordon
OB22	Peter Bowen
OB25	Frank
OB27	Ryan Conway
OB30	Benjamin Close
OB34	Mark James
OB38	Trenton Hoare
OB39	Iain Clarke
OB43	Daniel Henderson
OB45	Isaac F
OB46	Jeff Waddell
OB58	Anne-Marie Loader
OB59	Anne-Marie Loader
OB66	Richard Warner
OB71	Break O'Day Council
OB72	Glenorchy City Council
OB74	Brian Miller
OB77	Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmanian Division)
OB78	Felix Pike
OB83	Aussies Elect
OB84	Aussies Elect
OB87	Angela Offord
OB88	Southern Midlands Council
OB90	Brighton Council
OB91	Central Highlands Council
OB95	Anonymous 8