



THE FEDERAL
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Current names

Retain 'Lyons' – Named for a Prime Minister, which meets the naming guidelines to consider former Prime Ministers, and named for the first female member of the House of Representatives, which meets the naming guideline for Australians who have made a notable contribution.

Retain 'Clark' – Named for someone who made a notable contribution, which meets the naming guideline. Was suggested before the last redistribution.

Retain 'Braddon' – Named for someone who contributed to the development of Federation with his participation in the Constitutional Conventions. This electorate could be renamed after Bass and Franklin have been renamed.

Retain 'Bass' – keep for now but could be renamed in the future, it has been pointed out by others that there are plenty of other things named for George Bass.

Get rid of 'Franklin' – he was a colonial politician and is better known for getting lost while trying to find the North-West passage in Canada! In Season 2 of Marc Fennal's *Stuff the British Stole* we learnt about the Franklin's terrible treatment of Mathinna.

Potential names

The name of a Tasmanian Premier or politician should not be used for a federal electorate. If Tasmanians want to recognise them then they have state upper house or lower house electorates which can be renamed. This knows out Bacon, Hodgman, Goodluck and Ogilvie.

The reasoning behind choosing a name needs more than they were the last full-blood, as not only is this reasoning hurtful but it may not be correct.

Suitable names which have been argued for are:

- Amy Sherwin – acknowledged as Australia's first opera star who toured internationally before Dame Nellie Melba.
- Nan Chauncy – award winning children's author who was the first Australian to win a Hans Christian Andersen Award diploma of merit (international award for outstanding and lasting contribution to children's literature. We have amazing children's literature in Australia, which helps us understand ourselves and the world understand us, this should be recognised more)
- Tongerlongeter – would give Tasmania their first electorate for an indigenous person

Thoughts on the report

The absence of the summary of themes means that there is less information about the reasoning behind the Redistribution Committee's reasons.

I preferred the SA2 composition tables to be at the back of reports, makes it less disruptive to read.

The absence of paragraph numbers makes it harder to refer to the Redistribution Committee's thoughts.

Pages 45-46 suggests that the Redistribution Committee wants to change the name of Clark but isn't game enough to come out with an alternative (rather like those working on the ACT redistribution). Is it because they couldn't find any alternative names? A quick goggle reveals the following:

- Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women - https://www.women.tas.gov.au/tasmanian_honour_roll_of_women
- Index of Significant Tasmanian Women - https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-policy-and-engagement/significant_tasmanian_women/significant_tasmanian_women_-_research_listing
- Companion to Tasmanian History - https://www.utas.edu.au/library/companion_to_tasmanian_history/index.htm
- Faces in time - <https://www.ourtasmania.com.au/tas-people.html>

If the augmented Electoral Commission does decide to rename an electorate, then I look forward to further objections (or would that be further ideas given that that items in the legislation seem to be being renamed – is JSCEM going to make some legislative changes?) as doing something that affects 1 or 2 of 5 electorates would seem to be significantly different.

And aren't all 4 of the Redistribution Committee part of the 6 member augmented Electoral Commission, why should we think they would do anything different?