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VENNING URGES CONSTITUENTS TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON ELECTORATE CHANGES

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Federal Member for Grey, Tom Venning MP, is urging constituents to make their voices heard regarding the Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to rename the historic electorate of Grey to O'Donoghue and significantly alter its boundaries. While expressing deep respect for the profound contributions of both South Australian founding father Sir George Grey and trailblazing Indigenous rights advocate Dr. Lowitja O'Donoghue, Mr. Venning criticised the costly logistical overhaul required for the name change as unnecessary "busy work for bureaucrats" during a cost-of-living crisis.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning MP, Member for Grey:

"I greatly respect the work and legacy of both individuals, but it is my belief that we don't honour history by editing it, we honour it by adding to it."

"At a time when the government is telling everyday Australians to tighten their belts, forcing a name change that requires new signage, updated collateral, and wasted resources across four offices is just expensive busy work for bureaucrats."

"This shift brings Riverlea, a city fringe suburban development, into an electorate that represent farmers, fishers, miners, tourism, and two heavy industry hubs in the shape of Port Pirie and Whyalla. The demographics do not make sense"

"It is strange also that the boundaries bring in half of Light Council, and now half of Playford Council. Logic says we should have simple taken all of Light or all of Playford."

"While I will also be making a submission, ultimately, this is not my decision to make, so I am encouraging everyone to go to the AEC website and make a formal submission."

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