



TOM VENNING MP

Member for Grey



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ELECTORATE TO BE RENAMED DESPITE COMMUNITY WISHES

Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning is disappointed that the people of Grey have been ignored by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on its decision to rename the electorate to O'Donoghue. Of the 310 submissions received, 239 did not support the change (235 against, 4 offered different names) yet the AEC still decided to rename the electorate of Grey to O'Donoghue. The AEC has, however, listened to the community on the redistribution of the electorate, and will not be including urban suburbs into Grey.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning Member for Grey

"While it is great the Australian Electorate Commission has listened to the people of Grey on the redistribution, they have been completely ignored on the renaming."

"The AEC is supposed to be an institution charged with upholding democracy. What is the point of the AEC conducting public consultation if, even with an overwhelming majority opposing the name change, they continue with it anyway?"

"This decision will leave many of my constituents feeling like their views were not reflected in the final outcome."

"Many of the submissions from my constituents were concerned about the cost of a name change as many resources, such as maps, will have to be redone. This is an unnecessary cost when South Australian's are already battling with the cost of living."

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

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