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I feel that loss of the present Higgins electorate and its incorporation into Kooyong will leave me without proper Federal representation on many issues that affect me. The proposed new boundaries would lead to a less homogeneous mix of residential type and business, leading to a kind of averaging out of points of view. By this I mean that a person living in a flat may have different concerns to someone in a large family house or someone running a small business or large one.

At present for example, my wife and I live in a house in a long established, residential area. We have been able to approach our local MP on issues such as encroachment into the area by expansion of a neighbouring private hospital, and the MP was well-versed in the history of our area and willing to use government contacts to help represent us. With the incorporation into Kooyong, we will be starting afresh and easily pushed around by powerful interests that know how to get their own way and have the means to achieve it.

The Higgins electorate is part of the House of Representatives, but the proposed changes will greatly dilute our representation.