



Objection 11

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To Whom It May Concern,

Australian Electoral Commission: Higgins Redistribution

I am writing to express my significant concerns regarding the proposed redistribution of the Federal Electoral Division of Higgins. As a stakeholder in this community, I urge the AEC to thoroughly reconsider these changes for the following reasons:

- **Community Integrity:** Higgins encompasses a diverse and united community, largely centered around Stonnington Council. It is one of the most active political groups in the state. The proposed changes will dismantle this well-established community fabric, negatively impacting our collective civic engagement and representation.
- **Historical Significance:** Higgins has been a pivotal constituency, nurturing numerous national leaders including some of Australia's greatest Prime Ministers and Treasurers. This heritage makes it a cradle of leadership and innovation in Australian politics. The proposed redistribution will dilute this historical identity and its ongoing contribution to national governance.
- **Civic Contribution:** The residents of Higgins have historically made substantial contributions to the political landscape of Australia, not only financially and intellectually but also in collective civic participation. It is vital to maintain a representation that can effectively channel this dynamic contribution towards the broader national interest.

Given these points, I respectfully request that the AEC re-evaluate the proposed changes to ensure that the historical, cultural, and civic values of Higgins are preserved. I am available for a discussion or to provide further information if needed.

Thank you for considering this appeal. I look forward to your reconsideration and a favorable response.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Allen