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Subject: Objection to the Abolition of the Federal Electoral Seat of Higgins

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I trust this email finds you well. My name is Adriana, and I am writing to express my profound concern and objection to the proposed abolition of the federal electoral seat of Higgins in Melbourne. As a resident of Stonnington, I feel compelled to voice the collective apprehensions of my community regarding this significant change.

Higgins, a seat with a storied history, has been an integral part of Melbourne’s political landscape since its creation in 1949. Named after Justice H.B. Higgins, a notable figure in Australian law and politics, the electorate has long been a bastion of vibrant community life and robust political engagement. The proposal to merge Higgins into neighbouring electorates such as Chisholm, Hotham, Kooyong, Macnamara, and Melbourne is not merely a matter of redrawing lines on a map; it is a decision that stands to dilute the voice and representation of its residents, particularly those in Stonnington.

The unique identity of Higgins, which has evolved over decades, is a tapestry woven from the diverse threads of its community members. The abolition of this seat would disrupt this intricate fabric, scattering its constituents into electorates with potentially divergent priorities. This fragmentation risks undermining the cohesive community identity that has been a hallmark of Higgins.

Moreover, the established relationships between Higgins residents and their current Member of Parliament are invaluable. These connections, built on years of trust and advocacy, facilitate the effective representation of local needs and concerns. Disrupting these relationships could lead to a loss of tailored representation, as new representatives may not be as attuned to the specific issues and aspirations of the Higgins community.

Electoral confusion is another significant concern. The proposed changes could bewilder voters, leading to uncertainty about their new electorates, polling places, and representatives. This confusion has the potential to erode voter engagement and participation, which are cornerstones of a healthy democracy.

Furthermore, ongoing local projects and initiatives, which are critical to the community’s development and well-being, may lose momentum or be deprioritised under new representatives unfamiliar with the specific needs of the Higgins community. The progress of these projects, which have been meticulously planned and championed by the current MP and community groups, could be jeopardised.

In light of these considerations, I respectfully urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider the decision to abolish the federal electoral seat of Higgins. Maintaining the current electoral structure is not merely a matter of preserving historical boundaries; it is essential for ensuring the continued effective representation and well-being of Higgins residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the AEC will take into account the unique identity and needs of the Higgins community in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Adriana

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