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

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Chloe, and I am writing to express my profound concern and objection to the proposed abolition of the federal electoral seat of Higgins in Melbourne. This seat has long been a cornerstone of our community, and its removal would have far-reaching and detrimental effects on the residents of Stonnington and the broader Higgins area.

As you are aware, the AEC has proposed this change as part of a redistribution effort to balance electoral representation due to population changes. While I understand the necessity of such redistributions, I believe that the abolition of Higgins is not the solution. Instead, it would lead to a significant loss of representation for our community, which has its own unique identity and needs.

The residents of Stonnington, a vibrant and diverse community within Higgins, will see their influence in federal politics diluted. This dilution will inevitably lead to less tailored representation for our local needs. The voice of long-standing Higgins residents and community groups, who have worked tirelessly to advocate for our interests, will be significantly diminished. Our community has a rich history and a strong sense of identity that will be disrupted if we are split and absorbed into neighbouring electorates such as Chisholm, Hotham, Kooyong, Macnamara, and Melbourne. Each of these electorates has its own distinct priorities, which may not align with those of Higgins residents.

Furthermore, the abolition of Higgins will create electoral confusion among voters. Residents will need to navigate new electorates, polling places, and representatives, leading to decreased voter engagement and participation. This confusion is not just an inconvenience; it undermines the very foundation of our democratic process.

Local projects and initiatives, which have been meticulously planned and executed to address the specific needs of the Higgins community, are also at risk. New representatives, unfamiliar with our unique circumstances, may deprioritise or even abandon these projects, resulting in a loss of momentum and progress. This is a risk we cannot afford to take.

I urge the AEC to reconsider this decision. The seat of Higgins is more than just a boundary on a map; it is the heart of our community. Maintaining the current electoral structure is essential for the continued prosperity and representation of Higgins residents.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust that the AEC will take into account the significant impact this change will have on our community and make a decision that reflects the best interests of the residents of Higgins.

Yours sincerely,

Chloe

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