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Dear AEC,

As a resident of Malvern East, I am concerned about submissions and suggestions that my community be split along Burke Road – a major arterial with essential services on both sides. Tooronga Road makes significantly more sense, as it would keep school zones, catchments for sporting clubs, access to health care, aged care and other services that once sat with us united in Higgins within one electorate. The community around Central Park is cohesive, and splitting it makes no demographic sense. Further, it would isolate traders from customers and constituents from community amenities.

The AEC's draft redistribution, which sees Higgins abolished, already dilutes my voice in Canberra. With a significant percentage of Malvern included in Chisholm, this damage is somewhat lessened. The more of Malvern that is removed from Chisholm, the worse the dilution of democracy for those that remain will be.

Regards.