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

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I trust this message finds you well. My name is Elliott A, and I reside at [REDACTED], within the vibrant and historically rich community of Stonnington. I am writing to express my deep concern and objection to the proposed abolition of the federal electoral seat of Higgins as part of the recent redistribution plan.

Allow me to take you on a journey through the heart of Higgins, much in the manner of the illustrious journalist, Peter FitzSimons. Higgins is more than just a delineation on a map; it is a tapestry of diverse communities woven together by shared history, values, and aspirations. The proposed merging of Higgins into neighbouring electorates such as Chisholm, Hotham, Kooyong, Macnamara, and Melbourne threatens to unravel this intricate tapestry, diluting the voice of its residents and diminishing their influence in federal politics.

In the bustling streets of Stonnington, where heritage-listed buildings stand as proud sentinels of our past, the unique identity of Higgins is palpable. Our community has long enjoyed a tailored representation that acknowledges and addresses our specific needs. The abolition of Higgins would disrupt this finely tuned relationship, leading to a representation that is potentially less attuned to our local concerns.

Moreover, the established political relationships that residents have cultivated with our current MP are invaluable. These relationships are the bedrock upon which effective advocacy and service delivery are built. Disrupting these connections could lead to a loss of momentum in ongoing local projects and initiatives that are crucial to our community's development and well-being.

The electoral confusion that may arise from this redistribution cannot be understated. Voters, especially those less engaged or mobile, may find themselves bewildered by new electorates, polling places, and representatives. This confusion risks disengagement and decreased participation in the democratic process, undermining the very essence of our representative democracy.

As a resident of Stonnington, I am particularly concerned about the dilution of our community's voice. The unique needs and aspirations of Higgins/Stonnington residents could be overshadowed by the broader priorities of the larger, merged electorates. Our influence in federal politics would be significantly reduced, potentially leading to less tailored representation and advocacy for our local needs.

In light of these concerns, I earnestly request that the AEC reconsider the decision to abolish the federal electoral seat of Higgins. Maintaining the current electoral structure is

paramount for the continued prosperity and representation of Higgins residents. Our community's identity, established relationships, and ongoing projects depend on it.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust that the AEC will take into account the importance of preserving the unique and vibrant community of Higgins.

Yours sincerely,

Elliott A

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