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I am writing to totally support the many objections to the proposed abolition of the federal electoral seat of Higgins in Melbourne as part of the recent redistribution efforts.

As a long-standing resident of Stonnington, forty eight years and my husband 50 years we have witnessed firsthand the unique and vibrant community that defines Higgins. This electorate is not just a demarcated area on a map but a tapestry woven with the threads of shared history, values, and aspirations. The proposal to dissolve Higgins and merge it into neighbouring electorates such as Chisholm, Hotham, Kooyong, Macnamara, and Melbourne threatens to unravel this community weakening the voice of our residents and undermining our collective influence in federal politics. The residents of Higgins, particularly those in Stonnington, have always enjoyed representation that resonates with our specific local needs. The abolition of this seat would silence the voices of long-standing community groups and residents who have tirelessly contributed to the fabric of our society. The unique identity and history of Higgins, which has been meticulously cultivated over the years, would be disrupted, leading to communities being split and absorbed into different electorates with potentially divergent priorities. Moreover, the political relationships that have been established over time between the residents and the current Member of Parliament are invaluable. These relationships have fostered a sense of trust and advocacy that is crucial for the effective functioning of our democracy. The proposed redistribution would disrupt these relationships, causing potential setbacks in the delivery of services and advocacy for our community.

I am writing in support of the all the objections to re consider the abolition of Higgins and that the AEC abandons the proposal.

Thankyou for your consideration

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