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To whom it may concern,

I am asking for the AEC to reevaluate its decision to split Higgins into 5 different seats and retire the name.

Firstly, splitting the LGA of Stonnington so drastically will have significant effects on the community at large. Malvern East is a cohesive and tight knit community and to split our representation in federal parliament would greatly impact our ability to voice the issues that matter to us.

Acknowledging the need for a seat to be removed in the eastern suburbs, I understand why the boundaries were so drastically changed but I am certain the AEC has an obligation to keep as much of the Stonnington local council together. I suggest moving all of Malvern East into the electorate of Chisholm and extending the western boundary up to Glenferrie Road. This would insure that two major hubs (Glenferrie Road shops and Chadstone shopping centre) for this community remain represented by a member of parliament in tune with the needs of the electorate.

Another issue to be addressed is the name change. Higgins is a historical seat of important value having been the seat of two prime ministers, two treasurers and many other federal ministers. I suggest with this redrawn boundary that the electorate of Chisholm be renamed Higgins in order to keep that important historical significance.

However, I believe the name Chisholm must be kept as Caroline Chisholm was an extremely influential women's rights activist and to support the AEC on their goal to name more electorates after women I suggest renaming the electorate of Hotham to Chisholm.

Thank you for your time and hope you consider my objections.

Regards.