



Objection 16

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RESPONSE TO AEC ATTEMPT TO ABOLISH HIGGINS

I am vehemently opposed to the abolishment of Higgins as an electorate. I reside in a small street off Tooronga Rd and the proposed abolishment now means that I as a voting Australian will be subsumed into the electorate of Chisolm. This electorate does not represent me or my family's concerns in any way, shape or form. My child goes to school in the electorate of Higgins, we shop and commune within the electorate of Higgins and feel that this electorate represents who we are, what we stand for and our pressing issues in a comprehensive and robust way. We feel that Chisolm is not a reflection of who we are and where we live. I do not feel that the AEC has valued my democratic voting rights.

Additionally, I am absolutely fed up with history being erased. The 'independent' AEC review (and I use this term loosely) is attempting to abolish the seat of Higgin's 75-year history, a seat of two former Prime Ministers (Holt and Gorton) and Australia's longest serving Treasurer (Costello). This matters, regardless of which political divide you are on.

I strongly urge the AEC to reconsider this proposal, my family and our democratic voting rights will be severely impacted and we voice our strongest condemnation of the proposal to abolish the seat of Higgins.