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

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

My name is Naomi Barrie, and I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed abolition of the federal electoral seat of Higgins in Melbourne. As a resident deeply embedded in this community, I am compelled to voice my concerns regarding this significant change.

Higgins is not merely a collection of streets and houses; it is a tapestry of history, culture, and shared experiences. Established in 1949 and named after Justice H.B. Higgins, a pioneering figure in Australia's legal history, the electorate has fostered a unique community identity that cannot be easily replicated or absorbed into neighbouring electorates like Chisholm, Hotham, Kooyong, Macnamara, and Melbourne. This proposed redistribution threatens to fragment our community, disrupting the cohesion and sense of belonging that residents of Higgins cherish.

The very essence of Higgins is at risk of being diluted. Our electorate has long been a bastion of progressive thought, home to vibrant local initiatives and projects that reflect the specific needs and aspirations of our community. From the bustling Chapel Street precinct to the serene gardens of Malvern, each corner of Higgins contributes to a rich mosaic that is uniquely ours. The abolition of Higgins would not only erase a significant chapter of Melbourne's history but also jeopardise ongoing local projects that require consistent and knowledgeable representation.

Moreover, the proposed changes are likely to sow confusion among voters. Many residents, particularly the elderly and those less engaged with political processes, may struggle to navigate the new electoral boundaries, polling places, and representatives. This confusion could lead to decreased voter engagement and participation, undermining the very democratic principles the redistribution seeks to uphold.

Our current MP has established strong relationships with the community, understanding our unique challenges and advocating for our specific needs. The disruption of these political relationships could result in a loss of momentum for critical local initiatives, as new representatives may not be as attuned to the intricacies of our community's priorities.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider the decision to abolish the seat of Higgins. Maintaining the current electoral structure is not merely a matter of convenience; it is essential for preserving the identity, cohesion, and effective representation of our community.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust that the AEC will take into account the profound impact this decision will have on the residents of Higgins and act in the best interest of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Naomi Barrie

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