



Objection 123

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To members of the augmented Redistribution Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and objections to the, yet again, proposed Redistribution of the Victorian Electoral Divisions

I wish to submit my objections to the abolition of the Victorian Federal Division of the Seat of Higgins on the following grounds:

- 1. A historically High Profile Federal seat (since 1949) with outstanding members of Parliament representing the electorate Of Higgins with distinction and significant contribution to the Governance of Australia.
- 2. The third redistribution of the Federal Victorian Division within three years, but the 1918 Redistribution ACT specifies a seven year period for redistribution consideration
- 3. Projected population data in the Higgins Electorate is potentially erroneous when considering significant population growth in Melbourne next few years.
- 4. The Victorian Metropolitan area will require higher, not lower, number of Federal Representation Divisions.
- 5. The Higgins Electorate is a cohesive community, with an increasingly diverse demographic profile and a strong sense of belonging, within the natural geographic boundary of the Yarra River to the North and the Mon
- 6. The re-orientation of the Division of Higgins, to scatter the electoral community among several other Divisions, is not to give due consideration to the community interests, which take precedence over other considerations, in accordance with section 66 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 when electoral Redistribution is considered.
- 7. The majority of Higgins electors, irrespective of whether making a written objection, would consider Erasing the Division of Higgins as an injudicious consideration by the Redistribution Committee.

With kind regards Joanna Hill

