



Objection 242

Claire Filson

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From: FedRedistribution - VIC
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2024 11:32 AM
To: Claire Filson
Subject: RE: Objection to the abolition of Higgins

Hello Claire,

Thank you for your email.

Please be advised I will incorporate this additional information into your original objection and update as an amendment.

Regards,

[REDACTED] | VIC Redistribution Secretariat
Party Registration & Redistributions
Australian Electoral Commission
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From: Claire Filson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:00 PM
To: FedRedistribution - VIC <FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Objection to the abolition of Higgins

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to add the following points to my objection to the distribution of Higgins:

1. It severely fragments local communities of interest represented by Local Government Authorities and specifically the City of Stonnington, suburbs and localities;
2. Ignores major existing physical and geographical boundaries such as freeways, arterial roads and waterways;
3. Fails to identify and align with economic and social groupings;
4. Erases deep historical and cultural connections between the Stonnington community and Higgins electorate; and
5. Gives rise to confusion and uncertainty among Stonnington residents who will be divided and dispersed among five different federal electorates.

I again urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider.

Claire Filson
[REDACTED]

From: FedRedistribution - VIC <FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2024 2:06 PM

To: Claire Filson [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Objection to the abolition of Higgins [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Claire Filson,

Redistribution of federal electoral divisions for Victoria: Acknowledgement of objection received

I acknowledge receipt of your objection dated 25 June 2024 to the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Victoria. Your objection will be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission for Victoria as part of its deliberations.

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, which authorises the redistribution process, requires that all objections lodged with the Australian Electoral Commission be made publicly available.

Copies of all objections will be available from Monday 1 July 2024 for public inspection on the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au/vic-redistribution and, by appointment, at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Victoria. Advice about making an appointment at the office will be provided on the AEC website on Monday 1 July 2024.

Please note that while the names of persons and organisations that lodge written objections will be published, signatures and personal address details (including email) will be removed prior to any publication.

From Monday 1 July 2024, the comments on objections period will commence. During this period any individual or organisation can make a comment on any of the objections lodged, including yours, until 6pm AEST Friday 12 July 2024. Should you wish to make a comment; objections can be viewed as outlined above.

All objections are included in the report produced by the augmented Electoral Commission for Victoria. This report will be tabled in Parliament at the conclusion of this redistribution and made available on the AEC website.

For more information or to follow the progress of the Victorian redistribution go to www.aec.gov.au/vic-redistribution

Regards,

[REDACTED] | **VIC Redistribution Secretariat**
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From: Claire Filson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 6:57 PM
To: FedRedistribution - VIC <FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au>
Subject: Objection to the abolition of Higgins
Importance: High

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I am writing to strongly object to the abolition of Higgins.

I have lived in Higgins for over 30 years and have a strong attachment to and affinity with Higgins and its community.

I do not want the seat abolished. I want a local and strong advocate and not have my representation divided amongst five other Federal Members of Parliament who I do not know and who do not reflect the values or understand the issues of my community that our former MPs well understood.

Abolishing Higgins will fragment my community's representation in Canberra.

Furthermore, I am proud of my community's history as a seat of former Prime Ministers and Treasurers.

I urge you to reconsider.

Claire Filson
[REDACTED]

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