



# Objection 401

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To whom it may concern,

Being remote from home & in a location where technology does not afford the scope to respond more fully, please find my objection to the proposed elimination of Higgins. I have reviewed the City of Stonnington's submission & fully support it. I will add, Higgins is a seat well represented in terms of delivery of economic, social & leadership value on a national basis. I also believe it is one where a constant tinkering of boundaries has occurred over the years that has probably led to it now being one of the smaller seats by population basis. I believe it is important to not only retain Higgins but to restore aspects of its boundaries to accurately represent its domain.

I have attached a screen shot of the Stonnington objections to reiterate my support for their submission. Higgins needs to remain as it is a vital contributor to the political landscape in this country.

**ITEM 8.7 – Australian Electoral Commission Redistribution  
Councillor Recommendation (Requested By Cr Koce)**

***That Council:***

- 1. NOTE the proposal by the Committee to abolish the federal electorate of Higgins.***
- 2. NOTES that the proposed re-distribution:***
  - Severely fragments local communities of interest represented by Local Government Authorities (LGAs), suburbs and localities.***
  - Ignores major existing physical and geographical boundaries such as Freeways, arterial roads and waterways.***
  - Fails to identify and align with economic and social groupings.***
  - Erases deep historical and cultural connections between the Stonnington community and the Higgins electorate.***
  - Gives rise to confusion and uncertainty among Stonnington residents who will be divided and dispersed among five (5) different Federal Electorates.***
  - Fails to recognise the importance of the Higgins Electorate to the local identity of residents and its importance to their connection and ongoing engagement in the national democratic system.***
- 3. PUBLICISE to the Stonnington community that there is an opportunity for individuals and organisations to object to the redistribution if they wish to.***
- 4. SUBMIT a written objection to the Victorian augmented Electoral Commission 6pm 28 June 2024 highlighting the inconsistency of the Stonnington Local Government Area (LGA) being split across five electorates.***

Regards,

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