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

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

My name is Annabel Myer, and I write to you today with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency regarding the proposed abolition of the federal electoral seat of Higgins in Melbourne. As a resident of this vibrant and historically rich community, I am compelled to voice my strong objection to this proposal.

Higgins is more than just an electoral boundary; it is a tapestry woven with the threads of unique community identity and shared history. From the leafy streets of Toorak to the bustling markets of Prahran, our electorate embodies a distinct character that has been nurtured over generations. This proposal to merge Higgins into neighbouring electorates such as Chisholm, Hotham, Kooyong, Macnamara, and Melbourne threatens to unravel this intricate fabric, dispersing our community into areas with different priorities and diluting our collective voice in federal politics.

One cannot underestimate the significance of community identity. Higgins has long been a melting pot of cultural diversity, intellectual discourse, and civic engagement. The electorate is home to landmarks such as the historic Como House and the esteemed Melbourne High School, which have not only shaped the local landscape but also fostered a sense of pride and belonging among residents. To dismantle Higgins is to disrupt the continuity of these shared experiences and to undermine the cohesion that binds us together.

Moreover, the established relationships between residents and our current Member of Parliament are invaluable. Our MP understands the unique challenges and aspirations of the Higgins community, advocating for local issues with a depth of knowledge and commitment that new representatives may struggle to match. The proposed redistribution risks severing these crucial ties, leaving residents without the dedicated support and advocacy they have come to rely on.

Electoral confusion is another pressing concern. The merging of Higgins into multiple neighbouring electorates will undoubtedly lead to uncertainty among voters regarding their new representatives, polling places, and electoral processes. This confusion could result in decreased voter engagement and participation, undermining the democratic process and weakening the very foundation of our political system.

Furthermore, ongoing local projects and initiatives, such as the redevelopment of the Malvern Road precinct and the preservation of the Gardiners Creek corridor, may lose momentum or be deprioritised under new representatives unfamiliar with the specific needs of the Higgins community. These projects are vital to the continued growth and prosperity of our area, and their success hinges on the continuity of focused and informed representation.

In light of these concerns, I earnestly request that the Australian Electoral Commission reconsider the decision to abolish the federal electoral seat of Higgins. Maintaining the current electoral structure is not merely a matter of preserving boundaries; it is about safeguarding the unique identity, history, and future of a community that has thrived under the banner of Higgins.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give due consideration to the voices of Higgins residents and the importance of maintaining our distinct and cherished electorate.

Yours sincerely,

Annabel Myer

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