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

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I am writing to you from the heart of Toorak, a suburb that has long been a proud part of the federal electoral seat of Higgins. My name is Benjamin Dunn, and I reside at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Toorak [REDACTED]. I feel compelled to voice my strong objection to the proposed abolition of the Higgins electorate as part of the recent redistribution efforts aimed at balancing electoral representation.

In the spirit of John Pilger's investigative style, let us delve into the crux of the matter. The AEC's proposal to merge Higgins into neighbouring electorates such as Chisholm, Hotham, Kooyong, Macnamara, and Melbourne, while perhaps well-intentioned, stands to dilute the voice of Higgins and Stonnington residents. This dilution will inevitably lead to a less tailored representation of our local needs, a scenario that is both concerning and unacceptable.

Higgins is not just a name on a map; it is a community with a unique identity and a rich history. The electorate, named after Justice H.B. Higgins, has long been a bastion of diverse voices and vibrant community life. The residents of Stonnington, in particular, have cultivated a distinct sense of belonging and shared purpose. To disrupt this by splitting our community and absorbing it into electorates with potentially different priorities is to disregard the very essence of what makes Higgins special.

Moreover, the established relationships between Higgins residents and their current MP are invaluable. These relationships are the bedrock of effective representation, ensuring that our voices are heard and our needs are met. The proposed abolition threatens to sever these ties, leading to potential disruption in services and advocacy that our community relies upon.

The confusion that will arise from such a significant change cannot be understated. Voters will be left grappling with new electorates, unfamiliar polling places, and different representatives. This confusion risks decreasing voter engagement and participation, undermining the democratic process that we hold dear.

Finally, the impact on local projects and initiatives is a matter of grave concern. Ongoing efforts that are crucial to the development and well-being of the Higgins community may lose momentum or be deprioritised under new representatives who are unfamiliar with our specific needs. This is not a risk we can afford to take.

In light of these points, I earnestly request that the AEC reconsider the decision to abolish the federal electoral seat of Higgins. Maintaining the current electoral structure is vital for the continued representation and well-being of Higgins residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the AEC will take into account the profound implications of this proposal and act in the best interests of the Higgins community.

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin Dunn

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