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Dear Commissioner

Redistribution of Victorian electorates – Seat of Higgins

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed abolition of the seat of Higgins in the upcoming federal redistribution of Victoria. I believe that this decision would be detrimental to the interests and values of the residents of Higgins, who have been well represented by their elected MPs for decades.

The seat of Higgins covers a community of suburbs that share common values and aspirations in the City of Stonnington. These include Toorak, South Yarra, Prahran, Windsor, Malvern, Armadale, Kooyong, and parts of Glen Iris and Hawthorn. These suburbs have a rich history and culture, and a diverse and vibrant population. They are also home to many important institutions, such as schools, hospitals, businesses, and community organisations.

The abolition of Higgins would destroy this community and split it into different electorates, which would reduce its voice and influence in the federal parliament.

The seat of Higgins has also been a source of strong representation and leadership for the nation, especially from the Liberal Party. Since its creation in 1949, Higgins has been held by prominent Liberal members, such as former Prime Ministers John Gorton and Harold Holt, former Treasurer Peter Costello, former Minister for Women Kelly O'Dwyer, and MP Katie Allen. These MPs have served their constituents and the country with distinction and have contributed to the development and prosperity of Australia. Current Labor MP Michelle Ananda-Rajah has continued to provide strong representation for the people of Higgins.

The abolition of Higgins would erase this legacy and deprive the nation of future leaders from this electorate. I urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider its proposal and retain the seat of Higgins in the federal redistribution of Victoria.

I believe that this would be in the best interests of the residents of Higgins, the City of Stonnington, and the nation as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

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Constituent
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