



Objection 368

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Australian Electoral Commission
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I wish to object to the abolition of the Federal Seat of Higgins.

Over the years, I have been very proud to be represented by different members of Higgins. From Prime ministers and Treasurers to three women, Kelly O'Dwyer, Katie Allen and Michelle Ananda Rajah.

To abolish Higgins as an electorate and subdivide the voters into surrounding electorates seem to me to be a gerrymander as voters will be joining electorates represented by different political parties- at the moment Teals. As a loose affiliation of Independent members, Teals can only have some influence on government policy but are unable to form a government. in their own right.


Voters in Higgins will have lost their ability to have some say about who is in government.

The demographics of Higgins has changed in recent times probably due the increase in population as a result of apartment and flat development which may have had some influence in the election of the first Labor Member ever. To abolish this seat seems to deprive may voters of their choice of representation. Having so recently succeeded in winning a seat of Higgins, it is a tragedy to loose such an historic part of political tradition in its dispossession. Having discussed this issue with many neighbours, I have found much dismay at the proposal to abolish the seat of Higgins.

Please save the seat of Higgins.

Yours sincerely

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