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HIGGINS ABOLITION OBJECTION

As a resident of the electorate for over 60 years I oppose and object to the proposal to abolish the Electorate of HIGGINS in the proposed redistribution.

HIGGINS is a significant name in the history of this nation since Federation being named after Justice Henry Higgins of the High Court of Australia who established the principle of a fair wage for all.

The electorate has also produced two Prime Ministers and a Federal Treasurer.

My concern is the proposal will split the City of Stonnington and the well established community of interests, and the patterns of interaction now divided across the electorate.

I understand that the redistribution has been caused by the loss of one Electorate in Victoria, and suggest that should be the neighboring electorate of HOTHAM.

That name dates back to the nineteenth century, has not produced any Prime leaders and already splits several municipal boundaries, and is a name that has little relevance in modern Australia.

Further I consider that with an election due within a year, there is little time for any party to respond to changes ,and existing boundaries should still apply.

I request these matters be considered before a final distribution is completed.

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