



Objection 6

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed removal of the Higgins electorate and its absorption into surrounding electorates. As a long-standing resident of Higgins, I am deeply concerned about the impact this decision will have on our community.

Higgins is more than just a collection of suburbs. It's a vibrant, diverse community with a unique identity and a rich history. This electorate has provided a platform for active and engaged democratic participation for many years, and I believe that abolishing it would disenfranchise its residents, including myself.

Being part of the Higgins electorate has always given me a strong sense of belonging and representation. Our community has fostered strong connections among its residents, who share common interests, concerns, and aspirations. By dissolving the electorate, the AEC would effectively erode these connections and dilute our collective voice.

Higgins is also notable for its distinguished history as the home of several prominent Australian politicians, including former Prime Ministers Harold Holt and John Gorton. The legacy of these influential leaders is woven into the fabric of our community, and their contributions to our nation's history are a source of pride for us. The removal of the electorate would erase a crucial part of our political heritage and diminish the historical significance that Higgins holds within the broader Australian context.

It is disheartening to think that the community I have been a part of for so many years could be split and merged into neighbouring electorates that do not share the same identity or priorities. This move would significantly undermine the principle of fair and effective representation, which is the cornerstone of our democratic system.

I urge the AEC to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative solutions that do not involve the abolition of the Higgins electorate. Maintaining our electorate will ensure that the voices of our community continue to be heard and respected, preserving the integrity of our democratic process.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust that the AEC will recognize the importance of the Higgins electorate and the detrimental impact its removal would have on its residents.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Tomlinson