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Australian Electoral Commission
To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Redistribution of the Electorate of Higgins

I am writing to formally lodge my objection to the proposed redistribution of the electorate of Higgins. As a resident and active member of this community, I am deeply concerned about the implications of this change for our local area and its historical significance.

Firstly, Higgins holds substantial historical importance, named after the distinguished Justice Henry Higgins, a notable figure in Australian history. Furthermore, it has been the seat of two Liberal Prime Ministers, Harold Holt and John Gorton. The preservation of this electorate honors their contributions to our nation and maintains a sense of continuity and respect for our political heritage.

Secondly, the proposed redistribution threatens to divide the City of Stonnington, undermining a well-established community of interests. This area is characterized by a cohesive network of shopping, sporting, health, and aged care services that serve our residents efficiently and effectively. Splitting this community would disrupt these services and diminish the quality of life for many.

Additionally, the current electorate boundaries reflect natural patterns of interaction within our community. Residents of Higgins share common transport routes, economic activities, and cultural ties that are integral to our daily lives. The proposed changes would fragment these patterns, creating unnecessary complications and inconveniences.

In light of these points, I strongly urge the Australian Electoral Commission to reconsider the proposed redistribution and maintain the existing boundaries of the electorate of Higgins. Preserving the integrity of this electorate is crucial for maintaining our community's historical significance, social cohesion, and functional interaction.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust that the AEC will take into account the significant impacts this change would have on our community and make a decision that respects our shared history and current needs.

Yours sincerely,

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