

SUBMISSION NO. 38

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Mon. March 14th 2005

Dear Sir or Madam,

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Submission No. 38
Date Received 16-3-05
Secretary <i>[Signature]</i>



Re: Federal Election 2004 – correspondence Electoral Office

I have been referred to you by the local electoral office.

See enclosed, copies of correspondence for your attention.

The management of the last Federal election in the Division of Richmond was nothing more than appalling and if this is the way our elections are handled, underhanded and deceitful – is this a typical indication of the government handling of all matters – probably.

We were deliberately deceived and all voters have a solid right and the electoral commission has a solid obligation to let us know what parties are on the local paper, in advance of polling day.

At no time did I see and voting material in our letter boxes from the group "Liberals for forests" and an average person who was a liberal voter and was concerned for the environment would and did vote for this group.

The electoral commission was aware this group were Green and were giving votes to Labour.

This group should be enough to call a full void election for the Richmond area as we are entitled to know full details of the voting situation.

Typically, Australians are still like sheep, won't write a letter, just whinge on the street, then never do anything about it.

I have no problem with Justine Elliott, but I am sure she didn't expect to be voted in and certainly she is not able to do the work for the electorate that Larry Anthony did.

Please advise how this situation can be rectified and how the people who unintentionally voted for Liberals for forests thinking they were legitimately a Liberal vote.

All those voters, should legitimately have a right to vote again and be counted and the decision be rescinded.

Looking forward to your urgent reply and thanking you for same.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]
Bronwyn Smith

ATTACHMENT A

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The Officer in Charge
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Mon. Feb. 21st 2005

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Electoral Role

Please remove my name from the Richmond Electoral Role forth with.

I will not allow my name and details to be overseen and controlled by an entity that allows the registration of questionable political parties.

Namely Liberals for Forests.

There were thousands of local people deliberately and fraudulently misled by this party and voted for them understanding they were casting a Liberal vote.

It is my understanding that the Electoral Commission was aware this was a Green Group and their preferences would be handed to Labour.

I have no problem with Labour of Justine Elliott, however, this lack of care by the Electoral commission in their obligation to inform voters if there is a possibility of mislead by a party is a disgrace.

This lack of action by the Commission has caused the Tweed to lose a Ministry and this is one of the worst things that could have happened to this area. We are no longer getting proper service because the representative at best could only be a shadow ministry and the Ministry we had was probably the most important to the general community of Australia and your Commission helped us lose it.

Shame on you, Bloody shame.

Please respond urgently.

Yours sincerely,

Bronwyn Smith



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Dear Ms Smith

I have received your letter requesting that your name be removed from the electoral roll.

Enrolment for eligible persons is compulsory under the Australian Electoral Act and as such I cannot comply with your request.

As your underlying complaint appears to be the naming of the political party, *liberals for forests*, I have forwarded your letter to my senior officers, as party registration is a Central Office function.

The AEC advises that if you are unhappy with any aspect of the Electoral Act, you may make a submission to the federal parliament's joint standing committee on electoral matters. The Committee Secretariat can be contacted at:

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Parliament House
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Thank you for your interest in the electoral process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Averay', written over a horizontal line.

M. Averay
Divisional Returning Officer

8 March, 2005