27 January 2011

FROM: Mrs. P.M. (Tricia) Gibson,

TO: Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Ref: “Inquiry into the conduct of the 2010 Federal Election”

May I recommend the above Committee consider the introduction of PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION by the voter at the Polling booth when casting his/her vote. Formal identification would greatly reduce the number of fraudulent votes being cast in recent years, by those in the community going to more than one booth to vote.

Also before each election is held, that a procedural time frame be introduced To allow “Roll Cleansing” which would ensure that -
1: All deceased names be removed from the roll.
2: Any change of voter’s address to be checked and the previous one removed from the roll. Any fictitious addresses (such as MacDonalds etc.) would be discovered.

It is important for the integrity of our Democratic system of voting, that the politicians allow for this time frame when calling an election.
3: Students from year 10 be taught the value and privilege of electing our Members of Parliament, comparing our blessed country with those in other parts of the world, whose citizens are suffering under leaders for whom they have not voted and whom they have no chance to unseat in an election.

Yours faithfully,

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