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Inquiry Secretary

Inquiry into Conduct of the 2013 Federal Election

From John L Doust AM FAIB

25-02-2014

Please find attached my submission to your Inquiry.

This facsimile contains a total of 11 pages including this page.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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Hon Tony Smith MP

PO Box 6021, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

24-02-2014

Dear Sir,

Reference : Inquiry into THE CONDUCT OF THE 2013 FEDERAL ELECTION.

In response to my letter to my Local Member Mr Steve Irons MP Federal Member for Swan who, recommended I make this submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. My submission is attached. Should your committee require any further information I am available thru the attached information at the foot of this page.

Yours faithfully

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Submission to
The Joint Standing Committee
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INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE 2013 FEDERAL ELECTION.

On the afternoon of 20 August 2013 I suffered a very severe fall which necessitated me being hospitalised from the above date until Monday 9 September. Initially at Royal Perth Casualty then Hollywood Private Hospital. On Monday 2 September 2013 I began making enquiries from the hospital staff relating to the collection of completed voting papers for the impending Federal Election on Saturday 7 September. I was advised that the Australian Electoral Commission usually send people to the Hospital for the purpose of allowing eligible patients to vote. Not being satisfied. On Tuesday 3 September I contacted by telephone The Australian Electoral Commission and asked "is the Electoral Office visiting the hospitals for patients who wish to vote in Saturdays election". I was advised "that most hospitals would be visited by officers from this office for the purpose of patients to cast their vote". I responded "with respect this does not answer my question ,I went on to advise that I was in Hollywood Private Hospital". The response I received was " they will be visiting that hospital ".

I never received a visit from any officer from the Australian Electoral Commission. On Friday 6 September the day before the election at 12:15 hours WST I received a document (marked exhibit A) advising what I should do as I have been precluded from voting. The hospital staffer who gave me exhibit A went on to say that" the people from the Electoral Office missed your ward".

On the 13 September 2013 I wrote to Mr ED Killesteyn PSM Commissioner Australian Electoral Commission (marked exhibit B) setting out my complaint. I have never received a response or an acknowledgement to my letter of 13 September.

Following receipt of a notice from the Australian Electoral Commission dated 29 November 2013 headed "Apparent failure to vote" over the signature of M/s Emma Warren Divisional Returning Officer (marked exhibit C). On 4 December 2013 I wrote to M/s Warren (marked exhibit D) setting out my reasons for failing to vote. I would of thought that noting in my letter to her that I did not receive a response from Commissioner Killesteyn. would of prompted a response as my letter included a question as to the possibility of me receiving a criminal conviction, which is patently obvious would been a great concern me. The fact that I did not receive a response from either letter which in my opinion clearly indicates

to me their inadequate perception of people skills and a jaundiced view of the voting public.

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22-02-2014