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Good morning,

I am emailing a submission on behalf of Mr Don Randall, Member for Canning. Mr Randall has been cc'd into this email as verification of this communication.

There are some points he wishes to raise in relation to the conduct surrounding the 2013 federal election:

- The co-location of Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) offices (for example, the AEC office servicing Canning which was previously in Armadale has been moved to a co-located office in Cockburn) has made it more difficult to access the AEC and its staff. It was also under-used on polling day, with an additional pre-polling place and election day polling place needing to be set up in the Armadale area.
- The AEC was asked to provide Mr Randall with habitation surveys for areas of Boddington, Piara Waters/Harrisdale, and Coodanup and these were not provided. The electoral roll was known to have not been accurate in these areas for varying reasons. For example, Boddington is a mining town, Coodanup has a high number of residents on welfare and in state housing, and Piara Waters/Harrisdale were experiencing very rapid population growth.
- Legislation introduced prior to the election that allowed automatic enrolments allowed the electoral roll to become extremely inaccurate. Some constituents were surprised to be listed on the roll at a particular address without their input. Additionally, there is now a high volume of inconsistency between the federal electoral roll details and the Western Australian electoral roll details and seemingly no way/actions being taken to reconcile the details and correct them. Essentially, Mr Randall and his staff have difficulties in genuinely knowing which of the addresses is accurate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about this submission.