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## **ON-LINE ELECTIONS**

WHY ARE ELECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA PAPER-BASED?

WE HAVE SECURE ON-LINE BANKING & COMMERCE.

ADVANTAGES OF ON-LINE VOTING FOR COUNCIL & STATE & FEDERAL ELECTIONS:

- MUCH REDUCED COST
- IMPROVED SECURITY
- NO DELAY IN REACHING ELECTION RESULT (EXCEPT WHERE ABSENTEE & POSTAL VOTES COULD CHANGE THE RESULT)
- CONVENIENCE TO VOTERS

THERE IS NO DISCERNABLE DISADVANTAGE TO VOTERS OR GOVERNMENTS – HOWEVER. TV & RADIO PROPRIETORS WOULD MISS OUT ON ADVERTISING REVENUE BY NOT HAVING TALLY ROOM COMMENTATORS & A NIGHT OF INTRIGUE & SUSPENSE.

## AN ONLINE SYSTEM COULD BE DEVISED INCLUDING:

- AN INDIVIDUAL VOTER PIN MAILED TO INDIVIDUALS AS DONE BY BANKS
- A SECURE ON-LINE PAGE FOR REGISTERING A VOTE
- PCs AT HOME (IN THE MAIN) & VOTING LOCATIONS WOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH LAPTOP PCs FOR VOTERS WITHOUT HOME PCs OR OTHERWISE REQUIRING ASSISTANCE
- A DATABASE BASED ON ELECTORAL DIVISONS & ANOTHER INTEGRATING & PROCESSING THOSE DIVISIONS DATABASES