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I am writing to make a small submission to the Inquiry into the 2025 Federal Election. I was a volunteer for the Alex Dyson Independent Campaign and I volunteered at an election booth.

My major concern during the election and at the booth was the nature of the political advertising. Some of it was factually untrue and to be honest, pretty disgusting.

It does not reflect well on us as a nation that we cannot argue our case without resorting to lies and character assassination. We are not demonstrating a mature democratic process to our children when this occurs.

In fact, lies and character assassination by political parties and individual politicians demonstrates that it's perfectly acceptable to behave this way and then we wonder why members of the general public resort to such behaviors over a range of contentious issues. We are seeing this play out in our society now.

I strongly believe that it should be against the law to lie in political advertising.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a submission, Yours sincerely

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