

To

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The Secretary

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTORAL MATTERS

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SUBMISSION RE: CONDUCT OF 2016 ELECTION

- Electoral Fraud: I strongly recommend voter identification at polling booths, meaning the requirement to produce formal proof. Integrated computerised electoral rolls at polling booths would have the capacity to disallow multiple voting. A number of time consuming polling booth queries could be dealt with more efficiently.
- Electoral rolls: I support any measures which ensure all electoral rolls are up to date for elections. Certified Proof of ID should be a requirement for enrolment.
- Data Storage: I strongly support the introduction of more efficient computer records and data cross matching to detect errors and fraud. All electoral records must be secure and tamper free.
- Electoral Campaigns: Complaints regarding misleading/incorrect political campaign statements should be investigated with punishment for offences, however I am not aware of any specific compliances for politicians during election campaigns. Voters are entitled to correct information prior to voting.

The integrity of the electoral process is extremely important, and where there is found to be any inefficiencies, weaknesses, or abuse, then appropriate action should be taken. I personally feel there should be more vigorous efforts to prosecute when breaches to do with fraud and false claims occur.

Yours Sincerely

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