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Submission to the Inquiry into the machinery of referendums.

Dear Committee,

I object to any proposal to change the means of compiling and distributing the 'Yes' and 'No' case booklet prior to a referendum.

I regard it as essential that the electorate have the opportunity to consider the opposing arguments as endorsed by the Parliamentarians. I wish to continue to be given the opportunity to consider the opposing views. I regard the proposal to provide an 'impartial' document as unworkable as the chances of a consensus being reached are remote.

The existing referendum requirements have proven to be very effective in determining the will of the people. I am aware of nothing in the proposals under consideration that would improve them.

Yours faithfully,

David Horkan.