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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS Inquiry into the 2007 election and related matters Chair: Daryl Melham Deputy Chair: Scott Morrison

Reform proposals to enfranchise voters and modernise the electoral system

Federal Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee will table two reports in the House of Representatives this evening at approximately 8.50pm.

The first report examines the conduct of the 2007 federal election and related issues and includes a range of recommendations aimed at improving the conduct of federal elections. The committee has also considered how enrolment and voting processes can be modernised so that they meet the expectations of the community both now and into the future whilst maintaining appropriate integrity measures.

The report continues the tradition of a parliamentary joint committee examining and reporting on the conduct of each federal election over the past 25 years.

The second report examines a proposal by Senator Bob Brown in the *Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008*, to change voting arrangements for Senate elections.

REPORT PRESENTATION

What: Presentation of the Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related thereto and the Advisory Report on the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008

When: Monday, 22 June 2009

Time: 8.50pm (approx)

Copies of the reports will be available from the committee's website after tabling at http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/elect07/index.htm.

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