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From: Timothy Leeder Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2008 5:15 PM To: Committee, EM (REPS) Subject: Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Dear Chair,

The expense of holding a by-election for a House of Representatives electorate can be removed if:

1. The results of the previous election are reviewed and the second-placed Candidate in that particular Division declared elected. I understand this may be a different candidate depending on whether the 2PP vote is considered or the primary vote.

2. The system to fill a Senate Vacancy is used whereby the Party whose member has retired from the House selects a Candidate to fill the vacancy.

I believe either option is better than the current arrangements.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tim Leeder