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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS PUBLIC HEARING: INQUIRY INTO THE 2010 FEDERAL ELECTION Chair: Daryl Melham MP Deputy Chair: Hon Alex Somlyay MP

## 2010 federal election inquiry: Public hearings in Melbourne and Sydney

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will hold public hearings in Melbourne on Wednesday, 13 April 2011 and in Sydney on Monday, 18 April 2011, as part of its inquiry into the conduct of the 2010 federal election.

The Committee will hear from a variety of groups, covering issues including voting systems, services for blind and low vision voters, informal voting, campaign advertising, vote counting and ballot scrutiny, automatic enrolment, accessing the electoral roll for medical research purposes, provisional voting, and postal vote applications.

"The Committee looks forward to some interesting and productive sessions looking at matters arising out of the 2010 federal election, and exploring options for enhancing the conduct of future elections," said Committee Chair, Daryl Melham MP.

| MELBOURNE                                |   | SYDNEY                         |                                      |
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| Wednesday, 13 April 2011                 |   | Monday, 18 April 2011          |                                      |
| Legislative Council Committee Room       |   | Jubilee Room                   |                                      |
| Parliament of Victoria                   |   | Parliament House, Macquarie St |                                      |
| 9.30am Victoria                          | an Electoral Commission   | 10.30am                        | The Australian Greens                |
| 10.30am Blind C                          | itizens Australia   |                                | The Greens NSW                       |
| 11.00am Senato                           | r Nick Xenophon   | 11.30am                        | Vision Australia                     |
| 11.30am Break                            |   | 12.00pm                        | Shopping Centre Council of Australia |
| 11.45am Austral                          | ian Collaboration   | 12.30pm                        | Break                                |
| 12.15pm Computing Research and Education |   | 1.00pm                         | Professor George Williams            |
| Associa                                  | Association of Australasia  | 1.30pm                         | Liberal Party of Australia           |
| 12.55pm Mr Antl                          | <ul><li>12.55pm Mr Anthony van der Craats</li><li>1.35pm Monash University</li><li>2.00pm <i>Finish</i></li></ul> |                                | Discussion on informal voting        |
| 1.35pm Monash                            |   |                                | Finish                               |
| 2.00pm Finish                            |   |                                |                                      |

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

For more information and to follow the progress of the inquiry visit the Committee's webpage at <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/em</u>.

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