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Electoral Fraud

Dear Sir,

As an organisation of concerned Australians we are not so much wishing to focus attention on the 2001 federal election, particularly, but rather on the broader issue of the need to amend and improve the Electoral Act in the areas of (a) Electoral Roll

(b) Voting Process.

In recent years many organisations have expressed disquiet at the shortcomings of the Electoral Act and administration of same. The Chapman Society has been particularly severe in its allegations of fraud. Although we have no association or affiliation with the Chapman Society we do believe that the essence of their claims are too serious to be ignored. It is time to "close off" the loopholes on these issues and we wish to propose the following:-

(A) Electoral Roll

- 1.1. Develop inter-relationship between the Bureau of Census and Statistics and the Electoral Commission such that cross reference is made for the purpose of validating the Electoral Roll and of isolating unregistered inhabitants.
  - 1.2. Bi-annually the Electoral Commission to conduct a Habitation Survey to re-check the Rolls and post survey to embark on a public advertising campaign to urge re-enrolment where people have moved electorates.
  - 1.3. Utilising Census and Habitation Surveys the Electoral Commission should identify long term inhabitants (10years) who are not naturalised Australian citizens and begin a campaign of urging their certification as Australian citizens with subsequent rights to vote.
2. Electoral Roll to be published by the Electoral Commission and exhibited by Local Government as a medium of encouraging more citizen participation. Roll to be ideally segmented into identifiable Divisions of respective Federal Electorates encompassed in Local Government area. Local electors to be encouraged to check Rolls and advise of any known anomalies. Publication to occur every 2 years following Habitation Survey.

- 3 New Enrolments to be required to furnish either:-
  - (a) Passport
  - (b) Drivers Licence
  - (c) Birth Certificateand enrolment application to be witnessed by nominated authorised person.
- 4 State Registrars of Deaths to advise Electoral Commission of details of deceased persons (at least monthly) and these people immediately struck off the Roll without further validation.
- 5 No late enrolments accepted following Election date announcement.
- 6 Application and changes to enrolment to be assisted by Australia Post and Local Government.

(B) Voting Process

- 1 Each Polling Place to be computer-equipped with software package of Electoral Roll for each State. When the individual voter is validated, the fact that he or she has voted is immediately entered into the system.
- 2 Each voter must provide proof of identity to the Polling Place attendant before being given ballot papers.
- 3 Every voter wishing to vote outside his Electorate must do so only by the medium provided for Postal or Absentee votes. Those wishing to vote outside home electorate should demonstrate "justifiable cause" before being offered ballot papers.

We trust that these suggestions assist your determinations and should the Committee hold a Public Hearing in Perth we would be prepared to attend such a forum and expand on any of the matters raised. We earnestly believe that the suggested changes should lead to the desired and necessary state - where the integrity of the Electoral Roll and Voting Process should never be questioned.

Yours faithfully



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