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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my experiences and suggestions on ways that the Australian Electoral System can be improved.

There is now a lack of secrecy and confidentiality when casting a Postal Vote as I did in the last Federal Election.

When the voting papers are sent to the elector, the relevant details are filled out to establish one's eligibility, and then the two voting papers were to be filled in and placed in that envelope, ie. with my name and particulars on it.

There should have been a separate envelope included for the actual voting papers with only the electorate marked on it. As it is now, the vote is definitely not secret, as identifying information is on the envelope which ties the elector to the vote.

Business firms have separate envelopes for voting papers for their Annual General Meetings.

Confidentiality would be assured if Postal Votes had an envelope included for the voting papers and then it really would be a secret ballot.

I am a quadriplegic and use the Electoral Visitor Vote in State elections. This is where an Electoral Visitor brings the voting papers to the home and the vote is immediately placed in a secure ballot box.

This is the best and most secure way to ensure the vote is private and confidential.

I would like the Electoral Visitor Vote to be available for all Federal Elections.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs. Meryl Meiklejohn.

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