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SUBMISSIONS FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE 2014 STATE ELECTIONS.

I DECIDED TO STAND AS AN INDEPENDENT AT THE ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT. I ARRIVED AT THE ELECTORAL OFFICE 3 DAYS PRIOR TO CLOSURE, I BRIEFLY TALKED TO NOEL, AND WAS TOLD TO GET PRINTING DONE, AND ASKED FOR AN EXAMPLE OF A FORMAT OF HOW TO VOTE CARD. HE GAVE ME SEVERAL BOOKS. AFTER CONVERSATION WITH NOEL, I TRIED TO MAKE UP A "HOW TO VOTE CARD", AS I HAD A PRINTER BOOKED. WHEN I BOUGHT IT BACK, HE WASN'T PLEASED WITH IT, AND I HAD TO RETURN TO PRINTER TO MAKE ALTERATIONS, WHICH WERE ACCEPTED.

ON LAST DAY WE CAME BACK TO FINALIZE PAPERWORK, ARRIVED BEFORE FINAL TIME OF 12NOON, NOEL SAT DOWN AND CONTINUED TO FINISH PAPERWORK, CHECKING ON TIME AS HE WAS WORKING, AT 12NOON HE DROPPED PAPERS ON BENCH, AND SAID TO ME, BAD LUCK, YOU HAVEN'T MADE IT, IT IS AFTER 12NOON. HE WAS REMINDED THAT I WAS THERE BEFORE 12NOON. HE PROCEEDED WITH PAPERWORK BEGRUDGINGLY. HE FINISHED BRIEFLY AFTER 12NOON. I ASKED ABOUT SELECTION OF NUMBERS, AND WAS TOLD IT WOULD BE DRAWN OUT OF THE COMPUTER AT 12NOON, BUT DUE TO QUITE A FEW PEOPLE (MAINLY CANDIDATES) WAITING TO FINISH PAPERWORK, I WAS TOLD TO COME BACK AT 1.0 O'CLOCK WHICH I ARRIVED PRIOR TO 1.0 O'CLOCK.

NOEL WAS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN, SO I ASKED CANDIDATE, WHEN WAS THE DRAW, ONLY TO BE TOLD "YOU ARE JOKING, IT WAS DONE HALF AN HOUR AGO" AND THE RESULTS WERE PINNED UP ON THE WALL SHOWING NO. OF DRAW. I CHECKED THE RESULTS, HAPPY TO FIND I WAS NO 9 LAST ON THE DRAW!

AFTER THE ELECTION, I WAS RUNG UP BY A SURVEY OFFICER, TO ASK MY OPION, WHAT MY VIEWS WERE, AND WAS I HAPPY WITH THE WAY IT WAS RUN.

I SAID "NOT EXACTLY" THERE WERE CERTAIN CHANGES THAT COULD IMPROVE IT.

FIRST OF ALL, THEY HAD THE VOTING FOR THE INFIRMED AND PEOPLE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THERE ON ELECTION DAY, ON THE DAY BEFORE (FRIDAY), BUT 1 ½ MILLION PROPLE DECIDED TO MAKE USE OF THE DAY, AND THE ELECTORAL OFFICE ACCEPTED THEM, I WAS TALKING ABOUT IT TO SOME OF THE CARD WORKERS ON SATURDAY, AND QUITE A FEW OF THEM DID NOT KNOW THAT THERE WAS 1 ½ MILLION NORMAL VOTERS, WHICH GAVE THE CARD WORKERS, THE ONES WHO DIDN'T KNOW A GREAT DISADVANTAGE.

THE LADY SAID TO ME, WHEN TALKING ON THE PHONE, THAT SHOULD'NT HAVE HAPPENED, IT WAS MEANT FOR THE INFIRMED. SHE SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT. DID I HAVE ANY IDEAS. I YES , REMEMBER 1 YEAR WHEN THE ELECTORAL OFFICE PUT UP CARDS IN THE POLLING BOOTHS. SHE ASKED ME WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD THAT MAKE. IT WOULD SAVE A DOZEN CARD HOLDERS CLAMBERING AROUND THE POOR OLD VOTERS WHO WANTED TO GET HIS VOTING DONE QUICKLY,

THEY CAN WALK THROUGH IN PEACE, IT SAVES THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T BELONG TO ANY ANY PARTIES FROM FREEZING OUTSIDE ALL DAY HANDING OUT "HOW TO VOTE CARDS". IF THE PROBLEM IS RIPPING DOWN EACH OTHERS CARDS YOU COULD PUT A GLASS FRAME OVER CARDS THEREFORE MAKING IT A TRULY FAIR ELECTION FOR EVERYONE.

I THINK AS COMPUTERS CAN BE PROGRAMED TO DO ANYTHING, IT WOULD BE A LOT MORE DEMOCRATIC, IF NUMBERS WERE PULLED OUT OF A HAT!



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STANDING FOR INDEPENDENT IN VIC. ELECTIONS.