



Administration of voting centres

to: emc

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To the Executive Officer,

Please accept this brief submission re Inquiry into function and admin of voting centres.

My submission goes to the terms of reference involving accessibility, participation and transparency.

It is my concern that the practice of handing out how-to-vote cards is becoming

an issue with regard to the reference terms.

There appears to be an increasing degree of aggression being displayed by those engaged in making sure every voter receives the party card. Walkways and access gates, to polling booths, are crowded with party supporters jockeying for position, often at the expense of accessibility free from intimidation.

Party supporters have been known to wear clothing with slogans that are not endorsed by the electoral commission, leading to an issue with transparency.

The popularity of pre and postal voting is, I believe, evidence people prefer to attend and cast votes in a casual environment free from intimidation.

I would like the committee to consider banning how-to-vote cards in favour of

endorsed posters, or similar, on display inside the polling booth.

I am a member of a political party, and while I don't mind my views made public I would request my name and address be removed from published material.

Sincerely,