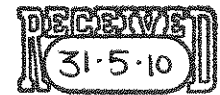


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The Executive Officer  
Electoral Matters Committee  
Parliament House  
Spring Street  
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To Whom It May Concern:,

***RE: PARLIAMENTRY INQUIRY INTO THE FUNCTIONS AND  
ADMINISTRATION OF VOTING CENTRES (INCLUDING JOINT VOTING  
CENTRES) GIVING CONSIDERATION TO ISSUES OF LOCATION,  
ACCESSIBILTY, PARTICIPATION AND TRANSPARENCY.***

Joint polling booths should be held in separate rooms and within separate parts of a building or school. The area should be clearly marked so voters can identify in which electorate they need to vote in to eliminate wrong cue ups. Joint polling booths create confusion for voters. Voters become angry and then vent their frustrations out on the polling staff. The system them becomes a let down due to this inconsistency. Therefore I strongly recommend that joint polling booths be divided up.

The same applies to pre polling. There are insufficient pre polling booths within the Western Region. There really needs to a pre polling booth for each state electorate. The pre poll should be central and easily accessible in a public place. The Hunts Club in Deer Park is a prime example of this. Voters as far as Derrimut, Melton, Keilor and Koroit are faced to wait in long cues to cast their votes. This places a huge amount of stress on the staff which is unfair to them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Seitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

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