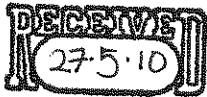


Submission 7



National Seniors Australia
Independent voice of the over 50s

27th May 2010

The Executive Officer
Electoral Matters Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
East Melbourne Vic 3002

Your letter dated 7th May 2010, signed by Robin Scott MP, Chair, Electoral Matters Committee and sent to Mr. Everal Compton AM, Chairman, National Seniors Australia (NSA) has been forwarded to the State Policy Group Victoria (SPGV) of National Seniors Australia for comment and response.

On behalf of the members of the NSA State Policy Group Victoria I would like to submit the following brief submission.

It is the belief of the SPGV that NSA members residing in Victoria are generally satisfied by and large with the functions and administration of voting centres especially as they relate to issues of location, accessibility, participation and transparency.

The only thing that was stressed was the need to ensure that voters who are queued up to vote at a polling booth at the closing time of 8pm should be admitted and allowed to exercise their vote. Alternatively, if that is not possible then such voters should be given an absentee vote form/postal vote form so they are not denied an opportunity to vote through no fault of their own.

Although the issue of postal voting is not within the Committee's current Term of Reference, the members of the SPGV and many NSA members in Victoria commend the current arrangement in Victoria for postal voting by Seniors and would like to see these apply also for federal elections. It would be disappointing if the postal voting rules that apply nationally were in future to be applied to Victorian elections.

For further comment and clarification in regard to this submission please contact Mr. Don Mc Donald, Chair of the State Policy Group Victoria whose contact details are as follows

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neville Daynes".

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