The Research Director Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

19th October 1998

Dear Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments and suggestions about Polling days.

For the last six years, I have handed out How to Vote (HTV) cards at the Esk venues for Local, State and Federal elections. There is always a lot of discussion between the other workers and also the voters, about the waste of paper, money and human resources on these days.

We recycle our HTV cards and have been able to reduce the number of cards we take each time. The local schools and childminders in Esk benefit from the spare HTV cards remaining at the end of the day. At the recent Federal election, the supervisor informed us that there would be no recycling by us as the Electoral Commission did it's own. We questioned this, but she was unable to show us the directive.

To reduce waste, is it possible that each polling booth and the walls of the 'voting' room, have large HTV cards displayed for voters to read. This would save paper and money. Also human resources and harassment of some voters towards the people handing out HTV cards.

Yours faithfully,

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