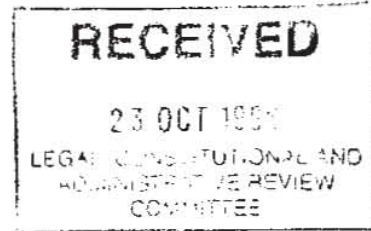


The Research Director,
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Re: Election How-to-Vote Cards.

I have for many years volunteered to distribute these leaflets, and there is invariably unanimous agreement from supporters of other parties, that we could be spending our time much more enjoyably and/or productively, than by standing around in the hot sun (or biting cold) and being abused by members of the public for contributing to such a waste of paper.

It would be an easy matter for polling booth staff to place one leaflet for each candidate/party contesting the electorate, in each booth. Better still, a single poster covering all preference recommendations for all candidates in that electorate! Again, there is unanimous support from volunteer booth workers for just such a system.

There would be several benefits:

- voters would not have to 'run the gauntlet' of how-to-vote distributors as they enter polling booths.
- all candidates would receive fair treatment. (independent and minor party candidates do not have the resources to staff all booths).
- huge saving in paper, time and money.
- reduction in 'post-election' litter.

I have been told that Australia is one of very few countries where the practise of handing out how to vote cards is permitted. If this is indeed the case, the time to reverse the practise has well and truly arrived.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Moles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath.

Sarah Moles.