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Dear sir/madam,

Re: Election How-to-Vote Cards.

The practise of distributing how to vote leaflets at polling booths must come to an end.

I believe most voters have made up their minds how they are going to allocate their preferences anyway, and those who have not could easily be accommodated by the placement of each Party's or candidates recommendations in each booth.

This would leave the entry to all polling booths free of the posters, volunteers and other paraphernalia that currently impedes voter's access.

I am sure that all those well-meaning volunteers who hand out the leaflets would rather be doing something else, particularly those who support Green parties and have to contend with unwarranted verbal abuse for 'condoning the practice.'

If such a system was adopted, the savings in time, money and paper would be worthwhile, and it would be fair for all candidates - a big improvement on the current situation.

I was recently told that Australia is one of only a handful of countries where the handing out of how to vote cards is legal. The sooner this is changed, the better!

Yours sincerely,

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