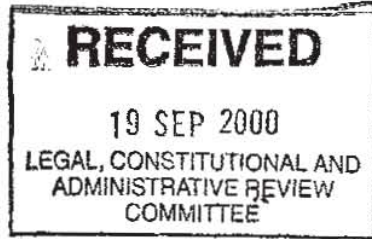


Submission No 3

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re: notice at page 10 of the Townsville  
Bulletin newspaper posted on 9 Sept 2000.

To the Research Director

Perhaps the provision of sound legal advice  
to potential, and at the very least, nominated  
candidates in State and Local government  
elections before during & and after elections

periods would be of some assistance in preventing electoral fraud.

These advices could be provided as free public seminars; relating to electoral legislation, obligations of candidates, the details of making good returns, etc; that; may fall within the objectives of existing Legal Aid Queensland Act 1997 legislative provisions. Arrangements should be made with Legal Aid Queensland before the next State election.

Access to free legal advice on a one on one basis for nominated candidates and an opportunity for them to familiarise themselves with the relevant complaints officers - eg at the Criminal Justice Commission, is also desirable.

Of course public awareness and government funded education may be the most crucial aspect of any successful strategy to counteract potential

for illegal activity relating to elections.

Electoral laws themselves should be made simpler especially with regard, to, smaller parties and independents, with limited resources, who, may find the costs of compliance difficult to overcome.

~~(How to vote cards and)~~

Legislation (regarding) regarding preferences and how to vote cards should be repealed and these anachronistic behaviours and instruments should be discouraged, <sup>by education</sup> in favour of debate about specific issues relevant to the issues of government defined by the candidates; and; the operation of effective electoral legislation.

Please respond to this submission in writing as soon as is practicable.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Yours in good government & equitable participation in the decision making process

Billy Tuit

(William "Billy" Peter Tuit).

15. Bring back Cworuthers and finish that inquiry while your at it.