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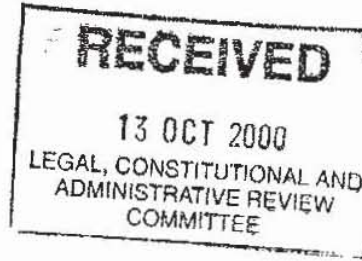


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9 October, 2000

Mr G. Fenlon
Legislative Assembly of Queensland
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Please address all communications to
The Chief Executive Officer

*Submission No 26
Spec 33.2*

Dear Sir,

RE: INQUIRY INTO PREVENTING ELECTROAL FRAUD

I refer to your letter dated the 13 September 2000 regarding the above.

Council would like to bring to your attention a practice that happened at the last Belyando Shire Council elections, namely the copying of How to Vote cards with the intent to confuse voters.

One party had prepared How to Vote cards (white paper with candidates highlighted in yellow). The opposing party at a later date produced an identical card.

Council submits that How to Vote cards should be pre-approved at a set date prior to the elections. This approval could be by the returning officer or the Electoral Commission.

Council believes that pre-approval of How to Vote cards will stop the practice of duplication with the intent to confuse voters.

Yours faithfully

John Torpy
Chief Executive Officer