




Speech By
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Postal Voting, Privacy

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (4.50 pm): I am disappointed to hear the member for Maiwar making these allegations when he has not, in his own way, cleaned his own house. I immediately went and looked at the process for how the Greens party deals with postal votes. It is important because postal votes are often used by elderly people or people whose first language is not English. Sometimes they are not filled in correctly and it has to be taken back to the person to say, 'This will be sent to the Electoral Commission, but they will not act on it because it is not fully complete.' The Greens have the same process. They say, 'If you have already filled in your postal vote application, please return it here'—nominating one address—'and cc it to postal @ nswgreens.org.au.' No doubt all of the pure, snow-white Greens have taken to these scams. They are not, as the member for Maiwar describes it, data harvesting. I notice that—

Mr Berkman interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Order, member for Maiwar!

Mr POWER: The member for Maiwar is pointing out that the Greens are a cynical political party that make suggestions about others and then get caught out with exactly the same practices, so this is very disappointing. I would like to see the Greens give up on the processes they want others to give up but are actually cynically doing themselves. It is really disappointing that we are being misled in this way in this House, and I will very carefully consider the way it was said and whether I need to write to the Speaker about this misleading behaviour.