

SUBMISSION ON ENQUIRY INTO POLLING PLACES.

All forms of soliciting, namely, advertising static or via human hand and including the distribution of how to vote cards, for votes at or within two kilometres of polling booths should be banned.

This would avoid the feeding frenzy that now occurs at polling booths and would make the election process that much more equitable in-as-much-as candidates who do not have the wherewithal to have a presence at all polling booths all the time are not disadvantaged. As it stands at the moment those who are well resourced have a distinct advantage over those who do not. Whilst I am quite new to the Australian Electoral scene, the anecdotal evidence that I have collected over the five elections that I have been involved in are that the aforementioned frenzy does not add anything to the political education of the voters and could correctly be described as a complete waste of resources that could be better employed elsewhere by those who can afford it.

On another note, if the candidates have not done enough to convince voters of their worth during the campaign period why should they or their agents harass voters as they are trying to carry out the statutorily dictated duty to cast their vote?

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