

Dear Sir/Madam,

I read in the Herald Sun that you were concerned about the tactics used at the last state election.

I am also quite concerned to the point that I have written previously to Brad Battin, Jason Wood and the Herald sun.

I went to the pre polling booth at Tecoma to pre vote as I was unable to vote on election day I am a CFA Volunteer and was going to be taking part in a training exercise on election day in Huntly near Bendigo.

On my arrival at the pre polling booth I was approached by a man wearing Fire fighting structure pants, red braces and a blue T Shirt he came up to me and said “ Support your Local fire fighters vote labor” He did this while forcing a how to vote labor card into my hand. He was extremely forceful and when I asked him which LOCAL brigade he was from he would not answer my question. I asked him three times which brigade he was from and he said “ I don’t have to tell you”. All CFA personnel were informed that we were not allowed to even wear our CFA T Shirts to vote let alone wear it to give out how to vote cards. I again asked him which brigade he is from and he informed me that he didn’t need to tell me. I know most members in the local brigades as one of my roles in the CFA is to feed fire fighters on the fire ground.

When I tried to take his photo on my phone he became abusive. I made a complaint inside the polling booth but they were in their words “ under staffed” and couldn’t help me. This man was quite intimidating and I felt quite threatened by his behaviour.

This man left the polling booth when I told him that I was ringing our operations manager to complain about him.

It actually turned out that this man was not from a local brigade and we are not even sure he was a fire fighter at all.

A couple of days later I took my husband to the pre polling booth and this same man was there with James Merlino handing out how to vote cards. He didn’t approach my husband but saw me spoke to James and left.

I felt that these tactics used by this person was false, misleading and intimidating.

If you need to talk to me I can be contacted on the above number

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