



## **Campaigning inquiry continues with a public hearing in Melbourne**

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will continue its inquiry into campaigning at polling places on Wednesday 26 August in Melbourne.

The Committee will hear from a range of government and non-government organisations including the Australian Electoral Commission, Victorian Electoral Commission and the Victorian Trades Hall Council in relation to campaign activities in the vicinity of polling places at state and federal elections.

The Committee has expressed its concern in relation to a number of allegations of inappropriate campaigning conduct, in and around pre-polling centres. Australians have long enjoyed a somewhat social voting experience, sausage sizzles and cupcake stalls. With the rise in pre-poll voting, which can continue for several weeks in the lead up to an election, there has been some concern about misconduct and the lack of regulations.

The Committee will look into ways to ensure that voters wanting to exercise their right to vote, at any voting centre, are able to do so without enduring intimidating or misleading behaviour by campaigners.

### **Hearing details**

Date: 26 August 2015

Time: 1.15pm – 5pm

Location: Committee Room G1,  
Ground Floor, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

This inquiry is ongoing and submissions to the Committee for the inquiry remain open.

Further public hearings will be scheduled and advertised in the near future.

The hearing will be broadcast live on the Parliament House [website](#).

**For information on the inquiry:** contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 2374, email [em@aph.gov.au](mailto:em@aph.gov.au) or visit the Committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/em>