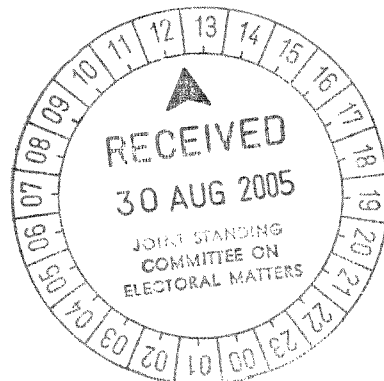


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Dear Mr Dyer

Thank you for your letter and copy of the transcript of hearings which I participated in at Parliament House on 8 August.

I refer to the 2 issues taken on notice from Senator Murray. (The 3rd issue I responded to in evidence).

1. The Nationals submission allowed for a 72 hour closure of the rolls, on the assumption that technical changes may have to be made in that period. We accept that the Australian Electoral Commission has a large task to manage the changes to the roll. However there must be a point where the rolls are closed and determined to be correct and ready for the general election.
2. The Nationals would support a process through COAG of reviewing State, Territory and Federal electoral laws to try to achieve consistency in voting methods across the nation.

Yours sincerely

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