



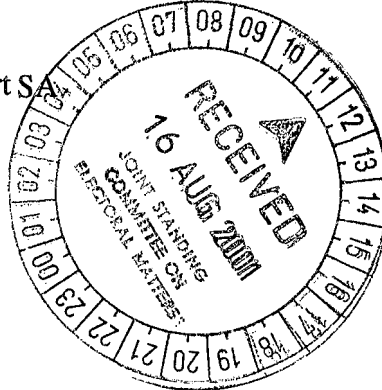
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Dear Mr Pyne

## Invention of Balloting System

I act for Mr Don Mitchell.

My client has devised a voting system which utilises a circular voting paper. The shape and design of the ballot should substantially address the problem of the "donkey vote". My client has been granted Letters Patent for his invention.

I enclose a copy of the drawing of the ballot paper for your consideration.

Mr Mitchell has approached the Australian Electoral Commission ("AEC") with regard to the potential of the invention but the response from the AEC indicated that they did not understand the potential of the invention.

I would greatly appreciate your opinion on the ballot paper. It would be of enormous assistance to my client if you could assist in any way in approaching relevant potentially interested parties so that the benefits of the invention might be brought to their attention.

I understand that you may have very limited time but my client would appreciate any assistance that you could provide.

Yours sincerely  
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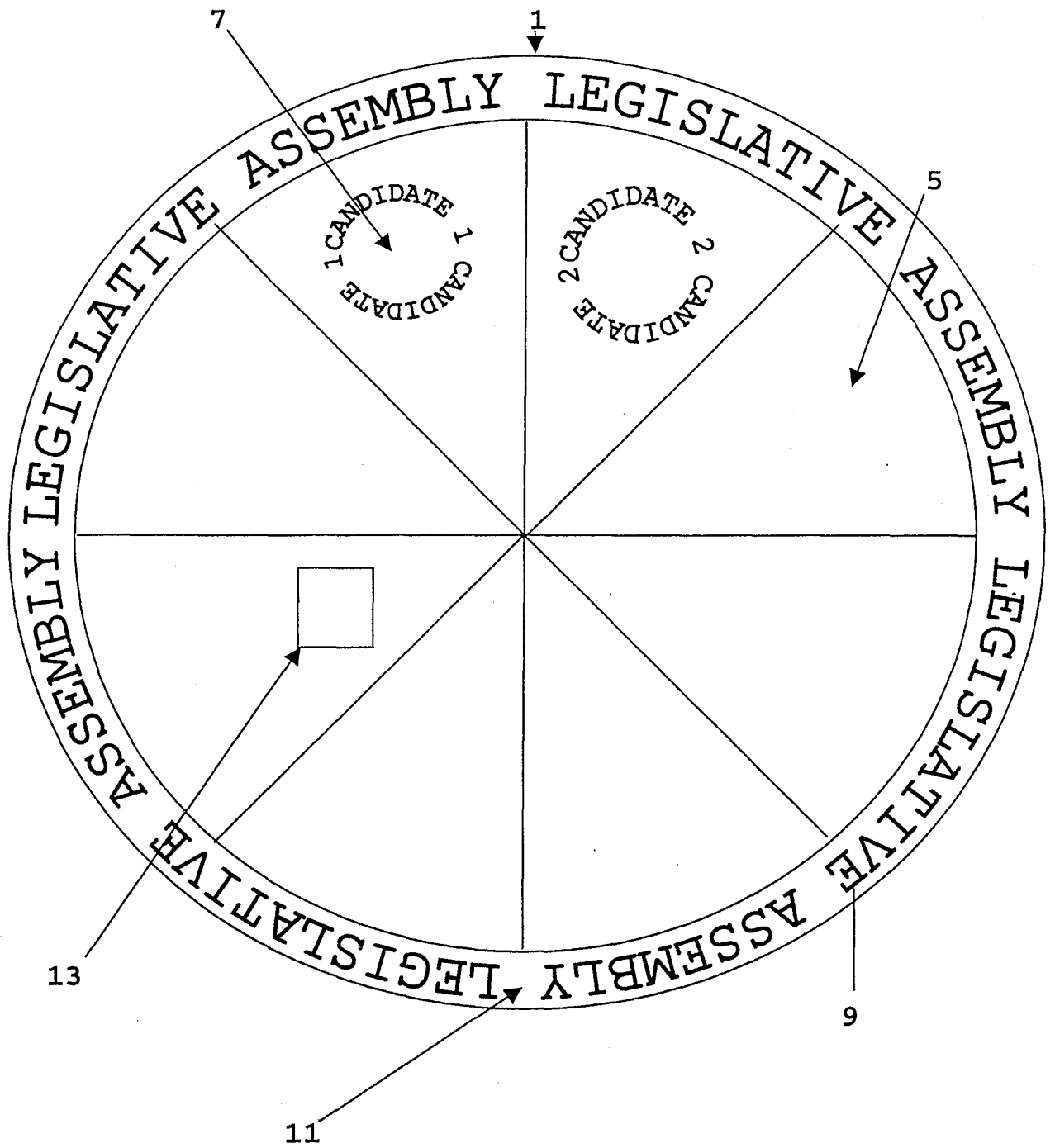


FIGURE 2



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2 July 2002

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Dear Mr Rowe

**Inquiry into the Conduct of 2001 Federal Election**  
**Our Ref: SAS:JR:LF011327**

Thank you for your letter of 4 June 2002.

My client, Mr Don Mitchell, has asked me to confirm that he wishes my letter to you on 24 July 2001 to be considered as a submission to the Inquiry.

As advised in my earlier letter, Mr Mitchell has been granted Letters Patent for his invention of a voting system which utilizes a circular voting paper. A copy of the invention is attached.

The shape and design of the ballot paper should substantially address the problem of the "donkey vote".

Although my client is aware of the electoral systems known as "Robson Rotation" which operate in the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania, my client's system avoids the need to print different ballot papers, thereby reducing costs.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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