

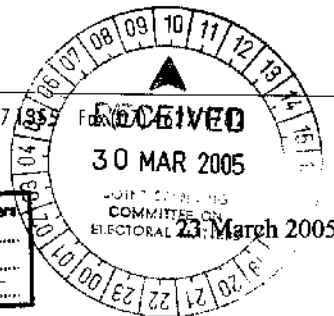


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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Council wish to place the following items before the inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 Federal Election.

Two major concerns were identified by residents of our Shire. These concerns were as follows:

- (a) Several members of our community who had requested postal votes did not receive them prior to the Election Day.
- (b) At the time of the election there was a number of interstate visitors to our Shire carrying out harvesting duties and attending weddings. It was most difficult for these visitors who went to the local polling booths only to be told that interstate visitors had to be referred to another booth. In some instances these booths were many many kilometres away. Several people would have suffered major inconvenience by the fact that interstate voting is only conducted at certain polling booths.

Thank you for the opportunity to forward this information to your inquiry.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

PHIL BERTING
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER