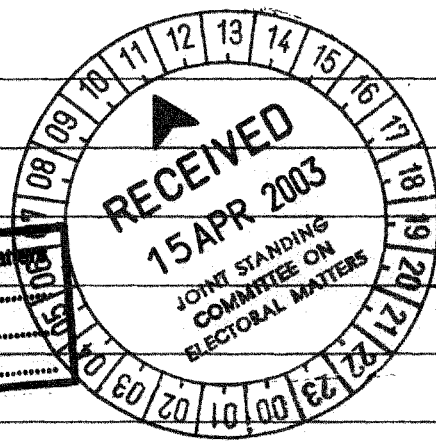


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Gavin Stevenson

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To The Committee Secretary,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re The Electoral Roll.

I was advised by the Attorney General's Department to write and to express my concerns about the Electoral roll,

which I feel that the Australian Electoral Commission is being abused by direct marketers and also for Mailing Fraud Scams.

Also I have heard of cases, where married couples have split up and their partners have tracked down their ex-wives through the Electoral roll. In some cases the ex-wife has been killed or badly assaulted.

There is other cases where people, who don't want to be found and then they are being harassed in some way.

The Point I am trying to make is that the people of  
Australia, which they have got there right for Privacy.  
In my views I feel that the Electoral roll should be only  
available to the Commonwealth Agencies and to State  
government, also not to every Tom, Dick and Harry.

Yours sincerely,  
Gavin Stevenson

