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**Subject:** Electoral Rolls on Internet.

To: Secretary,

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge a small submission in relation to the review of the publications of the electoral rolls.

I propose that the information currently available to the general public through visiting the office of the electoral commission or the relevant member of parliament be listed on a web site. I can't see where there would be any privacy issues to listing the information currently available. As far as I'm concerned, and from general discussions with work colleagues, the main issue of contention is the fact that it would be "on the web." Unfortunately there is a group of small minded persons within the population who will use "big brother scare tactics" in an attempt to make an issue of this.

At present for me, there are financial impediments in accessing the electoral rolls for work matters. I only need to view the rolls on an average of 2 twice a month. To ensure that I have full names for relevant legal documents. To do this I either catch a taxi to your Brisbane office, or walk from my office to your Brisbane office. Either way this is a relative large cost on my part. Having the information on the Web takes away this cost. It will also encourage me to use the facility more to confirm details on account applications.

The financial benefits of listing on the web to the Electoral Commission are endless. Once the program has been written, There should basically be no more publication costs. As ALL Parliamentary Members will have direct access, you will no longer need to send them hard copies (whether by paper or microphyshe). And all the agencies that currently require hard copies will also no longer need hard copies. Hard copies will not be needed in your offices. Infact there would be no reason why there should be more that 1 hard copy raise. This 1 and only hard copy would be for the Government Archives.

By not having to produce hard copies, this will also reduce the Electoral commissions wages bill. Fewer staff will be required to administer the rolls.

Also at election time, by having the rolls on the Web, with the right programs to cover for the specific elections, the returning offices & scrutineers will be able to ensure that there is only one vote per person anywhere in the country. And you will be able to see who has not voted within hours of the booths closing. Thus a faster turnaround time in issuing fines to non voters.

Again another point, With all this use of "newish" technologies, and the reduction in use of paper, you will be able to promote the Electoral Commission as being environmentally proactive.

Yours Truly

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