



Nationals Federal Director to appear before parliamentary committee

The Federal Director of the Nationals, Mr Brad Henderson, will appear before parliament's Electoral Matters Committee on Wednesday, 23 March 2011, at a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into the conduct of the 2010 federal election.

"Political parties are key stakeholders in the electoral system and it is important to get their feedback on the conduct of the 2010 election and their views on how to improve Australia's electoral system," said committee chair, Daryl Melham MP.

The Nationals' submission to the committee raises a number of issues arising from the 2010 federal election, including enrolment and participation, federal and state consistency, early voting, remote mobile voting, provisional voting, political advertising and registration of political parties.

"The Nationals have submitted a number of proposals, which the committee will consider during this inquiry. In particular, the committee is keen to have Mr Henderson expand on the Nationals' approach to federal and state consistency issues, and early, pre-poll and postal voting", Mr Melham said.

The public hearing will be held in Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra, from 9.15 am to 10.30 am. It will also be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service and webcast live at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

For more information and to follow the progress of the inquiry visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/em>.

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