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Mr Stephen Boyd
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Dear Mr Boyd

Inquiry into Certain Aspects of the Administration of the Australian Electoral Commission

I would like to make a submission to the committee in relation to the inquiry into the Australian Electoral Commission.

The AEC office representing Rankin was many years ago merged with Fadden and Forde offices and relocated to Beenleigh in the federal seat of Forde.

This has been very inconvenient for the residents of Rankin as the AEC office in Beenleigh is not easily or affordably accessed. The current office has indicated to me that they have very few Rankin residents attend their office.

Prior to the relocation, the Rankin AEC was centrally located and attracted high usage. The population in Rankin is highly transient and I believe many people fail to register as it is too inconvenient for them to do so.

I request that there be consideration for the Rankin AEC office to be located once again in the electorate of Rankin. The lease on the current AEC office in Beenleigh is up for renewal this year and I believe this would be a suitable time to act upon this request.

Yours sincerely

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