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Mr A D H Smith,
 Chair Joint Standing Committee,
 Electoral Matters,
 Parliament House,
 CANBERRA 2600

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from a constituent and the A.E.C. Division of Moore. Copies attached.

Mr Walker, the constituent, is a resident of the Trinity Village of Duncraig.

He would like to see Mobile Polling provisions available at Trinity Village and Lady McClusker Village, which is located next door.

I support this request and ask that the committee look favourably at this application.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

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Dear Mr Walker,

I refer to your letter of 12 August 2005, in regard to the extension of mobile polling at Trinity Village.

I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter of 1 April 2005. I commenced 3 months leave on 4 April, the day on which your letter was received in this office. I believe that the staff here assumed that the matter was being investigated.

The matter has been under consideration by the AEC's Central Office in Canberra. The process for legislative changes to the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (CEA) involves the public invitation to stakeholders to make submissions to the parliamentary Joint Standing Committee into Electoral Matters (JSCEM). After its deliberations, the JSCEM reports to the Government with recommendations. The report into the conduct of the 2004 Federal Election is expected towards the end of this year. If the JSCEM recommends that mobile polling provisions be extended and the Government accepts that recommendation, the Government would then draft legislation in the Parliament to amend the CEA. Under normal circumstances, amendments are usually effected in time for the next Federal Election (due in 2007).

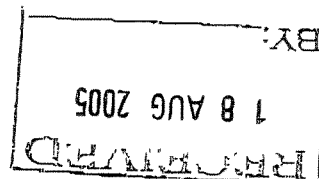
While I agree that it would be preferable that both the AEC and WAEC had a similar approach to mobile polling, until such time as the Government determines its position on the matter, the AEC is bound by the existing legislation. If not already considered, contact could be made with Dr Mal Washer, the MHR for Moore.

Yours sincerely,

M J Bromley
Returning Officer for Moore

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16TH August, 2005.

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Dear Dr Washer,

Further to my letter of the 12th May, 2005, I enclose a copy of the response received from the Returning Officer for Moore.

I now seek your assistance in ensuring that action is taken to institute the lengthy procedures set out in Mr Bromleys letter.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

Doug Walker.

Chairman, Trinity Village Unit Residents Committee.