



Electoral Commission to appear at public hearing on the 2007 election

The Australian Electoral Commission will appear before parliament's Electoral Matters Committee at a public hearing on Monday, 11 May 2009 as part of the committee's inquiry into the 2007 Federal election.

It is intended that the hearing will be the final opportunity for the committee to question the Australian Electoral Commission on a range of reform proposals that have arisen during the course of the inquiry.

The Australian Electoral Commission has suggested that the committee consider a number of changes to electoral law and administration including:

- Options to facilitate electronic transactions by electors such as updating enrolment details and lodging postal voting applications;
- The outcomes of a review of the decision by the Court of Disputed Returns on disputed ballot papers in the division of McEwen at the 2007 election; and
- Enabling greater flexibility in the use of mobile polling to allow the Australian Electoral Commission to provide services in a broader range of situations.

"This hearing provides an opportunity for the committee to more closely examine proposals aimed at making electoral administration more efficient and effective" committee chair Daryl Melham (Member for Banks, NSW) said.

Public Hearing Details

Committee:	Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Venue	Committee Room 1R5 Parliament House, Canberra
Date:	Monday, 11 May 2009
Time:	4.05pm to 5.15pm
Webcast:	The hearing will be webcast live (audio only) at http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Daryl Melham, on (02) 6277 2054 (Parliament House Office).

Further information: contact the Inquiry Secretary (02) 6277 2374, email jscem@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/em>