The Secretary,
Joint Committee on Electoral Matters.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Chartered Accountant in Brisbane, aged 53. I am writing to request changes to the Australian electoral system, on 2 significant issues.

1. When a voter presents to an electroral officer in a polling booth, they must show proof of identity, either a medicare card, drivers licence, passport, student ID card, pension card.

2. Polling Booths must be equipped with computers, to register a person's vote on-line and in real time.

The reasons for these requests include:

A. Voter ID to ensure, within reason, that the voter at the booth is who they say they are. With growing literature and concern for identity theft and fraud, the "coal-face" of Australian democracy must demonstrate the importance of such integrity.

B. Displaying ID will assist Polling Officers with the range of names from different multi-cultural backgrounds. In recent years, a card mailout occurred once, and at a cost. Any errors in the electoral roll would be been duplicated in the mailout.

C. Registering the completed vote on to a secure on-line list, assures a voter does not vote more than once.

D. As the candidates and media clamour for an overnight result, the integrity of the electoral system must be proveable high quality.

E. As we see democracy growing in countries such as East Timor, Afghanistan, Iraq etc, are we demonstrating a leadership in the process, or remaining with the outdated book and biro process.

F. We have 2 sons, in whom we endeavour to instill respect and appreciation for their country. As teenagers, they and their friends are more tech savvy than me, and in those discussion moments, regarding democracy vs dictators etc, the quick-witted of their group point to the holes in this system.

I thank you for your consideration of my requests and urge your committee to act on these issues.

Yours faithfully,
Neville Albury CA