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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

The issue of voting by aboriginal people in federal elections remains of serious concern to me.

Assisted voting remains very high – there is no evidence that the previous 90+% assisted voting has altered. The unusually low informal vote remains an issue to me!

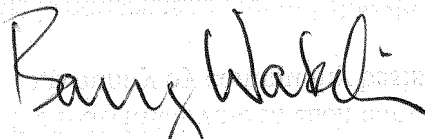
I am not aware of any acknowledgement of this issue by the AEC in their reports to the Parliament.

I remain totally opposed to the methodology of collecting all communities under the title of Mobile Booths. To give dignity and respect to the value of the individual vote in each community the counting should be done on a community by community basis.

It is nonsense to suggest that due to lack of space in aircraft that this could not be done community by community!

There is a great need to give fair and transparent awareness of individual rights to vote according to their beliefs and not on what one or two people in the polling booth area maybe encouraging voters to do.

Yours sincerely

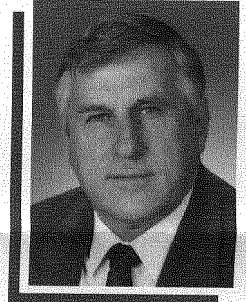


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