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**Mr Stephen Boyd
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Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into certain aspects of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission.

The only matter on which I wish to comment is the co-location of AEC Divisional offices, since this has been a matter which has arisen in previous inquiries by the Committee and on which the Liberal Party has expressed a clear view.

That view is summarised in our submission in 2005 to the inquiry into the 2004 election, when we said: "We express concern about any attempt by the AEC to pursue the co-location of AEC Divisional Offices. There is value in these Divisional offices being located within the electorate for which they are responsible. Accordingly, we do not wish to see any resumption of a program for further amalgamations."

That remains our view and we commend it to the Committee.

Yours sincerely