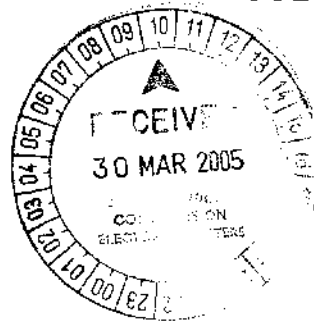


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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2004 Federal Election

On behalf of Bungil Shire Council, I wish to make the following submission to the Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2004 Federal Election.

The following concerns are raised:

Poor handling of postal votes within the electorate of Maranoa resulted in many registered postal voters not receiving their postal vote until after election day. This resulted in some voters driving considerable distances to the nearest polling booth to ensure that their vote was recorded.

Council requests that mobile polling booths be taken to all aged care facilities and hospitals in the smaller regions and towns to ensure that their residential patients have the opportunity to vote. It is currently done 'unofficially'.

Council supports the introduction of online voting provided the necessary safeguards are in place to ensure confidentiality.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive Officer

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