

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS**

Public hearing: Inquiry into the 2007 election

*Chair: Daryl Melham**Deputy Chair: Scott Morrison*

## Federal director of the Liberal Party to appear before parliamentary committee

The Federal Director of the Australian Liberal Party, Brian Loughnane, will appear before parliament's Electoral Matters Committee at a public hearing tomorrow, Tuesday 2 December 2008.

The hearing is part of the committee's inquiry into the 2007 Federal election.

"Political parties are key stakeholders in the electoral system and it is important to get their feedback on the conduct of the 2007 election and proposals for electoral reform," committee chair Daryl Melham (Member for Banks, NSW) said.

The Liberal Party of Australia's submission to the committee raises a number of issues including the involvement of trade unions in election campaigning, the benefits of proof of identity requirements for enrolment and the impact of the new close of roll provisions.

"The submission by the Liberal Party of Australia noted that the election was well managed by the Australian Electoral Commission," Mr Melham said. "The committee will be keen to examine some of the improvements suggested by the Liberal Party of Australia including the counting of pre-poll votes and ways to further reduce informal voting."

The public hearing will be held in Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra, from 12.30pm to 2.00pm. The hearing will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service (HMS12) and webcast live on the Parliament House website at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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