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Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters	
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Secretary	<i>[Signature]</i>

To:

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

Issue: Votes for the Federal Election October 9th 2004 not being counted.

Due to the geographical location of his property Mr Jordan and his family select the postal vote option to lodge their voting rights at Federal and State elections.

For the recent Federal election on October the 9th 2005 lodgement for postal votes happened in plenty of time with the required papers being mailed to them from the electoral office.

4 October 2005 - Being conscious of time and to ensure that their votes were counted Mr & Mrs Jordan duly filled in the forms, had them witnessed, and on a regular trip into the regional township of Longford posted them on Thursday the 7th October 2005.

Note that the forms are witnessed and dated 4 October 2005.

In December 2005 Mr & Mrs Jordan received a notice from the Divisional Returning Officer as per attached indicating that their vote was late therefore would not be counted.

Mr Jordan questioned this and was sent a copy of the envelope stamped by the post office in HOBART 10 October 2005. Mr Jordan could not understand this as he posted the letter at Longford in the North of Tasmania and yet the post mark was for Hobart in the South of the state.

Note – Mr Jordan is concerned that his vote has not been counted as also others may not due to the regional isolation to a MAIN STREAM POST OFFICE.

16 March 2005

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

Dear Secretary

This letter authorises Senator Guy Barnett to forward the Committee on Electoral Matters details of my experience in the 2004 Election campaign.

Yours sincerely

R. A. Jordan

Mr Ray Jordan
421 Gulf Road
Liffey Tas 7301

ATTACHMENT A

Address for Correspondence
Division of LYONS
PO BOX 123
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Australian Electoral Commission **AEC**

Division of LYONS
87 GEORGE ST
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Tel: 132326
Fax: 03 6334 2725

Ref: LYON02532M

01/002170

Attention Mary.

Fast No.



RAYMOND ALLEN JORDAN
421 GULF RD
LIFFEY TAS 7301

63341624

July Barnett's office

FEDERAL ELECTION - VOTING ADVICE

When you voted at the recent federal election you did so by post.

One of the requirements for your vote to be counted was that your vote be received by me on or before polling day or, if received after polling day:

- the postmark date on the envelope; or
- in the absence of a postmark, the date of witnessing of your vote, indicate that your vote was cast before the close of the poll.

When this was checked I found that this requirement had not been met. Therefore, your vote could not be counted.

Yours sincerely

Davin Foulkes
Divisional Returning Officer
7 December 2004

Spoke to Gavin 9/12, phoned back only 1 stamp mark identified posted Hobart after election.

Stephen to phone me back 13/12, at Gavin

POSTAL VOTE

POSTAL VOTE NUMBER

POSTAL VOTE



LYON02532M

To the DRO for the Division of: LYONS LYONS

LYONS LYONS

Reject

ELECTOR DETAILS

Your name and claimed enrolled address (as per your application)

Surname: Jordan, Given names: Raymond Allen, 421 Gulf Rd, LIFFEY TAS 7301

Your date of birth (DAY / MONTH / YEAR) 19/9/1936

If you have changed your name or address since you last enrolled, please PRINT the details here.

Your former Surname, Your former Given Names

Your permanent address (if different from your enrolled address)

If the addresses are different - date you moved to your permanent address

Daytime phone No. (03) 6397 3334

Declaration: I declare that I am entitled to vote, that I have not already voted in this election/referendum, and that my personal details on this form are complete and correct.

Your Signature or Mark: R. A. Jordan, Date: 14/10/2004

Note: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

AUTHORISED WITNESS TO COMPLETE

Declaration: I declare that I am entitled to be an authorised witness and that I have complied with the duties of an authorised witness.

Signature of Witness: J.A. Burn, Date: 4/10/04

Category of witness (e.g. elector) ELECTOR

Your personal information on this form is used for electoral purposes only and may be provided to Commonwealth agencies and other bodies in accordance with Commonwealth law.

OFFICE USE PRELIMINARY SCRUTINY Enrollment check, APVIS, Former Enrolment, Determination, QRO's Recheck

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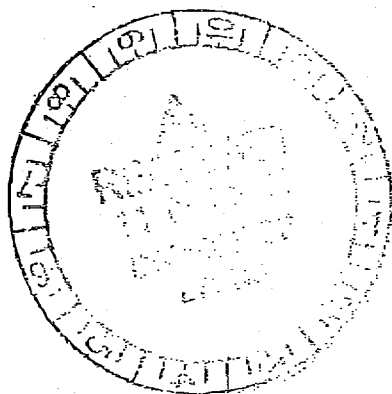
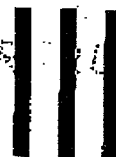
ATTACHMENT C

PO BOX 123, LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

127-011-000405

No stamp required
If posted in Australia

HMC541 10 OCTOBER 2004



Divisional Returning Officer
Reply Paid 123
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

NUMBERS UNDER LINEFURU 7 00041024



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10/12/2004

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ATTACHMENT D

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BRIGHTA JANETTE JORDAN
421 GULF RD
LIFFEY TAS 7301

FEDERAL ELECTION - VOTING ADVICE

When you voted at the recent federal election you did so by post.

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- the postmark date on the envelope; or
- in the absence of a postmark, the date of witnessing of your vote, indicate that your vote was cast before the close of the poll.

When this was checked I found that this requirement had not been met. Therefore, your vote could not be counted.

Yours sincerely

Davin Foulkes
Divisional Returning Officer
7 December 2004

POSTAL VOTE



LYON02591M

To the DRO for the Division of Issuing Division/Overseas Post

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Reject

ELECTOR DETAILS

Your name and claimed enrolled address (as per your application)
Surname: **Jordan**
Given names: **Brighta Janette**
421 Gulf Rd
LIFFEY TAS 7301

Your date of birth (DAY / MONTH / YEAR) **2 / 7 / 39**

If you have changed your name or address since you last enrolled, please PRINT the details here.

Your former Surname: _____
Your former Given Names: _____
Your permanent address (if different from your enrolled address): _____

If the addresses are different - date you moved to your permanent address: **1 / 1**

Daytime phone No.: **(02) 63 97 3334**

Declaration: I declare that I am entitled to vote, that I have not already voted in this election/referendum, and that my personal details on this form are complete and correct. I also request that, where applicable, my name and address on the Subdivision Roll be amended to reflect the details given above.

Your Signature or Mark: **B. J. Jordan** Date: **4 / 10 / 2004**

Note: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

AUTHORISED WITNESS TO COMPLETE

Declaration: I declare that I am entitled to be an authorised witness and that I have complied with the duties of an authorised witness.

Signature of Witness: **J.A. Burn** Date: **4 / 10 / 04**

Category of witness (e.g. elector) **ELECTOR**

Your personal information on this form is used for electoral purposes only and may be provided to Commonwealth agencies and other bodies in accordance with Commonwealth law.

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OFFICE USE

PRELIMINARY SECURITY

A Entitlement check

- | | Yes | No |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Elector's Signature | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Witness' Signature | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 On time | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 App Sign | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Enr Sign | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B Enrolment check

- | | Yes | No |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 AP/VIS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Adm Reg/ Hist | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Elec Hist | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Elector ID

4 Enrolled @ Roll Close

5 Former Enrolment

Da'n Code

Date

State/Territory

Sub Div Code

C Disenfranchised

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Full Admit (This Div) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Part Admit (Other Div) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Reject | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 4 Initials | JD |

D DRO's Recheck

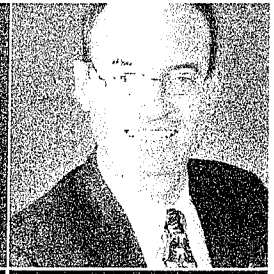
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| Reason | VL |
| 4 Initials | JR |

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Guy Barnett
Liberal Senator for Tasmania



ATTACHMENT G

11 January 2004

Senator Eric Abetz
Special Minister of State
Liberal Senator for Tasmania
G P O 1675
HOBART Tasmania 7001

Dear Minister ^{Eric,}

I am writing to you regarding an issue from a constituent, Mr Ray Jordan of Liffey, in Tasmania.

Mr Jordan and his extended family use the postal voting system at election times due to the uncertainty of their ability to travel to a polling booth on a nominated election day.

In the recent Federal election, on October 9th 2004, applications for postal votes were applied for and received. These were completed and posted at the Longford Post Office on the Thursday prior to the election.

In December Mr Jordan and other members of his family received letters from the Electoral Office stating that as the postal votes had been received by the electoral office, and did not comply with the regulations (refer attached letters), their votes were not counted.

Apparently one letter had a post mark HOBART on it but Mr Jordan definitely did not post them there.

Your comments and guidance in reply to Mr Jordan would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Guy Barnett
LIBERAL SENATOR FOR TASMANIA

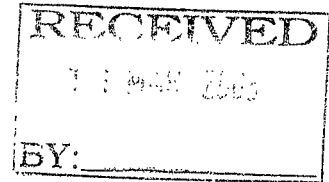
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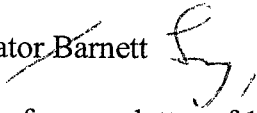


SENATOR THE HON ERIC ABETZ
Special Minister of State
Liberal Senator for Tasmania



Senator Guy Barnett
Senator for Tasmania
33 George Street
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

8 MAR 2005

Dear Senator Barnett 

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 2005 on behalf of Mr Ray Jordan of Liffey, who expressed concern that his postal vote was not admitted to the count at the 2004 Federal Election. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I note that Mr Jordan's postal vote was posted at Longford on Thursday 7 October 2004 but was postmarked in Hobart on 10 October 2004.

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has advised that the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) requires that, for a postal vote to be counted, it must be posted to the relevant Divisional Returning Officer (DRO) on or before polling day. If a postal vote is received after polling day, the postmark should indicate that it was posted prior to the close of polling. The AEC regrets any distress this matter has caused Mr Jordan.

Mr Jordan may be interested to know that the Australian Parliament regularly appoints a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) to review the conduct of federal elections and electoral law. This Committee considers issues relating to electoral law and administration, and makes recommendations for appropriate reform.

Should Mr Jordan wish to make a submission to the JSCEM on this matter or if he would like further information on the Committee's previous views, the Committee Secretariat can be contacted at Department of House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600, phone: 02 6277 2374, fax: 02 6277 4710 or email: JSCEM@aph.gov.au.

Thank you for bringing Mr Jordan's concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

ERIC ABETZ



Guy Barnett
Liberal Senator for Tasmania



ATTACHMENT I

11 January 2005

Mr Ray Jordan
421 Gulf Road
LIFFEY Tasmania 7301

Dear Mr Jordan *Ray*

In reference to your concerns in relation to the last election on October 9th 2004, and the Electoral Offices letter to you.

I have written to Special Minister of State Senator Eric Abetz and forwarded copies of your and your wife's postal vote application and mailing envelope for comment.

Following his reply to me I will contact you.

Best wishes to you both for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Guy Barnett
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