

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS**

Public hearing: Inquiry into the 2007 election

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

## Public hearing in Adelaide to inquire into the 2007 federal election

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will hold a public hearing in Adelaide on Wednesday 20 August 2008 as part of its inquiry into the conduct of the 2007 election.

“The Committee will hear from a range of witnesses including the Australian Electoral Commission’s state manager for South Australia and Dr Kathy Edwards, an academic with an interest in youth participation in the electoral process,” Committee Chair Daryl Melham said.

Almost 1.1 million South Australians were on the electoral roll for the 2007 Federal election, an increase of over 26,000 (2.49 per cent) compared to the election in 2004. The rate of “early voting” in South Australia increased 25 per cent at the 2007 election compared to 2004, slightly lower than the national average of 27 per cent.

The venue for the hearings is the Balcony Room, Parliament of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide. The hearing is open to the public.

### Program for Wednesday 20 August

#### Parliament of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide

9.30 am	Australian Electoral Officer (State Manager) for South Australia (Australian Electoral Commission)
10.15 am	Electoral Reform Society of South Australia
10.45 am	FamilyVoice Australia
11.30 am	Royal Society for the Blind SA
12.00 pm	Dr Kathy Edwards
12.45 pm	Close

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