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Dear Ms Asher

Electoral Matters Committee – Inquiry into Electronic Voting

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2016 regarding the Victorian Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee Inquiry into Electronic Voting.

The ACT Electoral Commission does not as a general rule make submissions to parliamentary inquiries held in other Australian jurisdictions. Accordingly, the Commission does not intend to make a formal submission to this inquiry.

However, noting that the ACT Electoral Commission has pioneered electronic voting in Australia, we would be happy to answer any specific questions you may wish to put to us.

In addition, I draw your attention to the fact that an ACT Legislative Assembly is to be held on 15 October 2016. Electronic voting will be used at this election in pre-poll voting centres and in some polling places on polling day. At the 2012 election, around 25% of ACT voters used electronic voting. It is anticipated that the number of people using electronic voting will rise in 2016. Your Committee would be welcome to send representatives to observe electronic voting at the October election if that would be useful.

Please contact me again if you would like any further information or to make arrangements to observe the ACT election.

Yours sincerely



Phillip Green
Electoral Commissioner

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