



Electoral Council of
Australia & New Zealand

The Hon. Louise Asher MP
Chair
Electoral Matters Committee
Parliament of Victoria
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Asher

Re: Electoral Matters Committee – Inquiry into Electronic Voting

Thank you for the invitation to the Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand (ECANZ) to provide a submission to the Inquiry into Electronic Voting being conducted by the Victorian Electoral Matters Committee (the Committee).

As the current Chair of ECANZ for 2016, your invitation has been referred to me for a response.

While ECANZ does not intend to make a submission, I understand that a number of member Commissions may be providing submissions to the Committee relating to the use of electronic voting in their particular jurisdiction.

Differing electoral legislative requirements govern the use of electronic voting across federal, state and territory elections. Any legislative reform to either introduce or to amend electronic voting practices is ultimately a matter for the parliament of each federal, state and territory jurisdiction.

I would however draw the Committee's attention to a paper on internet voting titled 'Internet Voting in Australian Election Systems' which was commissioned by ECANZ in 2013. The paper contains a discussion of broad topics and raises issues for community consideration on the role of internet voting in Australia. This paper is available on the ECANZ website, at <http://www.ecanz.gov.au/media/18-09-13.htm>.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand

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