INQUIRY INTO CONDUCT OF 2006 VIC STATE ELECTION

I am very concerned at the way the State Election 2006 was handled particularly in the South Eastern areas.

In the last State election we believe there was insufficient scrutineers, as we believe the result did not reflect the way constituency had cast their vote.

Many did not know where they should be voting and found the polling booths a long wait.

I believe independent parties had only a very short window of opportunity to submit themselves as available which was unacceptable in a democracy.

Democracy in this state has been seriously eroded in many ways and this must be rectified in the coming elections.

Please look into the independence of scrutineers and have enough available for any further coming elections. This is not a third world country and democracy must be paramount at any election.

Regards,

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