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The Executive Officer
Electoral Matters Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE Vic. 3002

Submission to the: Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2006 Victorian State Election

After being employed by AEC/VEC since 1961, my brief comments:

1. Please have one authority to collect enrolment forms/change of address. The duplication is ridiculous. AEC have regional offices who I believe are responsible for the Electoral Roll and conduct periodic reviews and issue joint East Vote Cards (or include our new Australia Identity Card).

2. Please, more cooperation and sharing between AEC/VEC. For example, furniture for November 2006 State poll has been recycled – why not stickers be used for the next Federal poll this year.

3. Early Poll Centres a great idea but not advertised. Should also be established at site of largest booth in each rural centre.

4. Most difficult to recruit suitable staff – a long day for a return per hour not attractive enough to gain competent people.

5. Succession planning for Managers/Assistant Managers non-existent.

6. No debriefing of Senior Staff.

7. Mobile facilities be undertaken by EVC personnel.

8. Computer system great when working.

Your time is precious. I could elaborate on all points.

Yours sincerely,

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