



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

The Greens NSW

Conduct of elections

1. The NSW Electoral Commission has suggested opening postal votes before 6pm on election day. What is your view on the Commission's proposal?

Answer : The Greens NSW would be supportive of this but would again recommend that the same prioritisation to the LA papers be given as with the PrePoll ballots.

2. The NSW Electoral Commission has proposed expanding overseas voting options by allowing absent early attendance declaration voting at all centres appointed by the Electoral Commissioner and removing the citizenship requirements for eligibility for election officials. What is your view on this proposal?

Answer: The Greens NSW would be supportive of this as long as they were employed by known trusted organisations such as Staff at an Embassy or Consulate or being electoral commission staff

3. The NSW Electoral Commission has proposed simplifying interstate voting, with similar provisions applied to overseas voting. What is your view on this?

Answer: The Greens NSW would be supportive of this and see that simplifying the regulations so that interstate and overseas voting provisions were aligned would make the commissions job easier

4. Some inquiry participants have suggested that political participants should not distribute or receive postal vote applications. What is your view on this?

Answer: The Greens NSW agree with the above statement, we included this as Recommendation 10 in our submission "Completed postal vote application forms should only be returned to the local returning officer or the NSWEC and it be made illegal for parties and candidates to encourage voters to send a completed application to anyone other than the District Returning Officer or the NSWEC"

