

**INQUIRY INTO ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2007 NSW
ELECTION AND RELATED MATTERS**

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Joint Standing Committee
on Electoral Matters
N.S.W. Parliament
Macquarie St. Sydney

Dear Sir,

In response to your invitation to submit a statement to your Committee, I would wish to give evidence, if invited to do so, on two subjects.

1. The virtue of conducting elections by use of barcode readers in recording voters on which voters would record their signatures, and wireless technology to link polling booths to returning officers at central points.

The N.S.W. government is fortunate to have as its Electoral Commissioner, Mr. Colin Barry – formerly Electoral Commissioner of Victoria – who conducted a very successful pilot in the Victorian electorate of Coburg in 1994.

2. On the issue of requirement for ID in provisional voting raised by Mr. Danby MP for Port Melbourne in the *Age* newspaper on February 10 last where he fails to explain in more detail why well over 100,000 people were denied a vote because they were not on the roll for which they were claiming a vote, or whether they were clustered more in the marginals than otherwise.

I regret that I would not be available to appear before your hearings, during the 3 months March 24 – June 26, should you wish me to do so.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr.) Amy McGrath