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Mr Stuart Wright
Committee Secretary

Dear Sir,

I submit the following for consideration by the Legislative Council Government Administration Committee "B"
Inquiry into the Tasmanian Electoral Commission:

- I am very concerned of the ability of many residents to understand the voting material for local government postal votes considering the high level of illiteracy in Tasmania. This is of particular concern in the Brighton Council area.
- The voting material at the last local government elections were quite confusing as to whether one could just vote for the necessary number of candidates or that they had to vote right through the entire list. I know of one well educated woman who didn't bother voting due to this confusion, stating that she didn't know the entire list and didn't want to vote for them all.
- I have heard anecdotally that some people have voted on behalf of others by filling out their ballot papers and getting the person to sign the statement. I think there is much opportunity for this to occur.

Regards

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