

The Liberal Party of Australia TASMANIAN DIVISION

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Mr Andrew Hawkey, Commissioner Tasmanian Electoral Commission

By email: policy@tec.tas.gov.au

Dear Commissioner

I refer to our discussions regarding the multiple instances where Labor has installed election signs on polling booths across Tasmania.

As we have discussed, the erection of signs on polling booths is not appropriate and breaches section 177 of the *Electoral Act 2004*.

This is not a matter to be taken lightly. It strikes at the heart of the electoral process and breaches the spirit and the letter of the Act. In my view, should a precedent arise that deliberate and wilful breaches of the Act are not properly addressed, I fear we may well see more of this unlawful behaviour in future.

l ask you to consider requesting Tasmania Police to commence a prosecution of this matter.

I would appreciate if you would please inform me of your response and any action taken so that I can follow up following the election.

Yours sincerely

Peter Coulson State Director

