

This is what democracy has come down to

The Facts

Hundreds of South Australians contacted me with information about the election, in fact even more if I include people I met and phone calls.

During the Court case I uncovered many issues, so I will include a few, and in every case I have written proof, tell me if you think this is acceptable conduct in a democratic country:

- People were turned away based on their attire.... No law prevents them voting based on what they are wearing.
- Hundreds if not many thousands, that have voted all their lives, turned up to vote, and found their names not on the roll, in most cases they were turned away with out being able to vote.... In every case they were meant to be given an absentee vote.... those that knew and asked for absentee ballots, found out some polling booths had run out.
- Some that were lucky enough to be able to vote, made mistakes on their ballot papers, and when they asked for another one, were refused, I was one of them.....law states they must receive one. Over 23,000 extra ballot papers were deemed informal (not counted) for the upper house, how many had asked for replacement ballot papers and so denied?
- Prior to voting the commissioner MUST ensure the electorate are informed of their rights and obligations (How to Vote), so each house hold used to receive a "How to vote Guide" this year the commissioner decided not to send them out.....every candidate I know was inundated with calls on how to vote, my website only found by typing in "How to vote in SA" went from a few hundred votes per month to over 25,000 in a couple of days.
- The Commission usually sends mobile polling staff to every declared institution (nursing homes and Hospitals) to assist those in need to cast their vote.....nearly one third missed out, some 5 to 8,000 or more of those most in need.
- Those nursing homes that were serviced reported massive issues, saying "people walked into their rooms, asked the question Labor or Liberal, marked their ballot for them without the voter seeing it, and then left..... one elderly woman asked to vote greens, and was told they were not a choice, she kicked up a fuss because her granddaughter was a candidate.
- The Polling booths were meant to have how to vote information in them, including where the preferences flow, reports indicate none had them, and if any did not display properly.
- The Labor Party sent out thousands of postal vote applications with a return pre-paid envelope with their address not the Electoral commission.
- The Electoral commission sent out around 100,000 postal ballots, the usual is under half that, over 7,000 were refused as they were dodgy applications, of those sent out, many reported not receiving them, over 17,500 went missing.
- Since the election was over some 80,000 people were reported to have not turned up to vote, yet only 41,400 were sent letters asking why they did not vote.....reports are many of those who have received the letter, indeed did vote (witnesses available), and the question is why were 36,530 excused without enquiry?
- Some voters reported being asked to vote under another's name, others were told they had already voted.
- Some reports were received that voters didn't think they could vote for me because I wasn't in their area, others asking what was an upper an lower house, very educated hey?
- Polls conducted on these issues were not acceptable in the court.
- Many reports were included that people could not access the electoral commissions website and or phone service.
- The candidates themselves were denied important contact information for other candidates so as to work out preference details.
- The Labor party disguised them selves as another party and handed out dodgy how to vote cards, to trick voter on how to vote
- The Labor party registered the Liberal parties leaders name "Isobel Redmond" as their postal address, so they could trick voters to send information to Isobel, which instead went to the Labor Party.

There were many other issues which are more technical so I will leave it at this, remember at all times a few hundred votes would have swayed the elections outcome.

All of the above, with supporting statements and willing witnesses, was deemed acceptable conduct by the court, as they had all the information before them; all the figures were supplied by the electoral commission themselves.

Hundreds of statements, affidavits and statutory declarations, all amounted to nothing, 3 months of bloody hard work, and the result was a few media stories painting me as a moron for taking the action, so what do you think?

I am willing to send the petition to any who wish to see the full details, in legal terms.

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Subject: This is what democracy has come down to, please please read and share this attachment.

The action in the Court of Disputed returns has failed, so the election results stand, I sincerely hope one and all reads the attachment and make your own decision, a copy of the petition or any documents will be made available.

What a bloody disgrace, I just do not have it in me to comment any further, so the fight is not over for me anyway.

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