



**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS**

Public hearing: Inquiry into the 2007 election

*Chair: Daryl Melham*

*Deputy Chair: Scott Morrison*

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## **Roundtable to discuss proposals for reforming electoral financing arrangements**

Federal parliament's Electoral Matters Committee will hold a roundtable in Canberra tomorrow, 16 April 2009, as part of its inquiry into the 2007 election and related matters.

The roundtable will examine proposals that are included in the government's electoral reform green paper on donations, funding and expenditure.

"It is generally acknowledged that current arrangements need fixing, with the spiralling costs of electioneering creating a campaigning 'arms race' that increase fundraising pressures on political parties and candidates", committee chair Daryl Melham (Member for Banks, NSW) said.

Participants in the roundtable include:

- Former Senator for Western Australia Andrew Murray;
- Academics with an interest in electoral financing including Professor George Williams (UNSW), Professor Brian Costar (Swinburne University) and Dr Peter Brent (ANU); and
- Representative organisations the Wilderness Society, the CFMEU, Action on Smoking and Health Australia and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

### ***Public Hearing Details***

<b>Committee:</b>	Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
<b>Venue</b>	Committee Room 2S1 Parliament House, Canberra
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 16 March 2009
<b>Time:</b>	9.30am to 1.00pm
<b>Webcast:</b>	The hearing will be webcast live on <a href="http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/">http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/</a>

***The hearing will be broadcast on the internal Parliament House network (HMS 12).***

**For media comment:** please contact the Committee Chair, Daryl Melham, on (02) 6277 2054 (Parliament House Office).

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