



Australian Electoral Commission and GetUp! to appear before Electoral Matters Committee

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will hear from the Australian Electoral Commission on Tuesday, 1 November and GetUp! on Wednesday, 2 November, for its inquiry into the funding of political parties and election campaigns.

The Australian Electoral Commission will appear for the third time for this inquiry, providing the committee with further assistance in its examination of options to improve Australia's federal system for funding political parties and election campaigns.

Activist group GetUp! has made a submission to the inquiry which advocates for 'major campaign finance reform to instil new confidence in our political system'.
(Submission 23)

"Third party participation is an important part of a robust democratic system" said Committee Chair, Mr Daryl Melham MP.

"It is valuable for the committee to hear from active participants like GetUp!, as the committee considers the role of third parties in the electoral process and the funding of political parties and election campaigns," said Mr Melham.

Tuesday, 1 November 2011
Parliament House, Canberra
Committee Room 2R1

Wednesday, 2 November 2011
Parliament House, Canberra
Committee Room 2R1

8.00am	Australian Electoral Commission	8.00am	GetUp!
9.00am	Finish	9.00am	Finish

These hearings will be webcast live at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

For more information, including submissions and hearing transcripts, and to follow the progress of the inquiry, visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/em>.

For media comment: Please contact the Committee Chair, Daryl Melham MP on 02 6277 2054 (Parliament House office) or 02 9774 2111 (Electoral office).

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