



Electoral Commissioner

Our Ref: LS 4848

Senator Louise Pratt

By email: Senator.Pratt@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator Pratt

Re: Senate Election Western Australia

I am writing with respect to the 2013 WA Senate election. The results for that election have not yet been declared. There have been applications made by certain candidates to the Australian Electoral Officer ("AEO") for Western Australia to conduct a re-count of the Senate vote. After considering the matter, the AEO refused these requests on 3 October 2013. Under subsection 278(2) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* ("the Electoral Act") candidates may appeal to the Electoral Commissioner to direct a re-count and I have received appeals from certain candidates. Before I decide whether to direct a re-count you may also wish to make submissions with respect to whether I should or should not direct that a re-count be conducted.

If you wish to make a written submission on this matter I would ask that it be sent by email to me at ed.killesteyn@aec.gov.au and received no later than **5PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time on Wednesday 9 October 2013.**

I will advise you of the result of your submission when I have made my decision.

Yours sincerely

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Ed Killesteyn

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