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To: Ed Killesteyn
Subject: WA Senate

Dear Mr Killesteyn,

I wish to formally appeal the decision by the WA Electoral Commission and request a recount for the 2013 Federal Election for the WA Senate.

I give the following valid and specific grounds for the need for a recount of the WA Senate voting which could change the result of the election in the WA Senate.

1. During the counting process over the last three and a half weeks the progressive vote tally for the WA Senate was updated on the AEC website. The number of votes counted at several times went backwards indicating that errors were made in the counting process and when found taken off the totals and recounted. If errors were made, found and corrected then there is a potential that errors were made and not found which could change the result of the election.
2. When the breakdown of votes for the Shooters and Fishers and Australian Fishing and Lifestyle Party are examined there is a large discrepancy between the percentage of Ordinary votes and the percentage of Absent, Provisional and Early Votes. This could simply be an anomaly, but it could also be an indication that potentially errors could have been made when counting these votes.
3. At count number 140 in the exclusion process the excluded candidate was 14 votes behind the next lowest candidate. At this point there were 152 exhausted votes and a gain/loss of 109. It is understood that this is basically accounting for the rounding error, however with the exhausted votes being nearly 11 times the difference between the two candidates a rounding error of this magnitude could change the result of the election and could be addressed with fractional votes during the exclusion process.

I hope that you consider these ground for the need of a recount to be valid and specific enough to warrant a recount of the WA Senate.

Regards,
Wayne Dropulich
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