

H.S. Chapman Society

Former parliamentarian and high profile barrister

Mr. Peter King

will be addressing the H.S.Chapman Society

Where: the theatre of the N.S.W Parliament House

When: Wednesday, February 23 - 1 p.m
(light lunch served from 12 pm)

SUBJECT: Elections and disputed elections in N.S.W. and the Commonwealth

Mr. King will discuss 'the requirements for valid elections in N.S.W., and the Commonwealth, and what is required to dispute an election in this State, and the Commonwealth with particular reference to postal voting, early voting, declaration votes and other forms of voting other than the attendance at a polling booth. He will also discuss the implied freedom of political communication as it relates to elections'

Mr. King is currently acting in a case, which has been accepted for hearing by the High Court. This argues that the integrity of our ballot system is being compromised by the method parties use to encourage and collect postal vote applications which have swollen postal votes from 110,000 in 1990 to 1 million in 2010. The Australian Electoral Commission has opposed this practice after each election for 20 years.

Mr. King is acting on behalf of two defeated candidates of the Christian Democratic Party in the seats of Lindsay and Robertson in the House of Representatives, and one Senate candidate. These cases have been referred to the Federal Court for hearing of facts in February, with the right to refer to the High Court both during and after the Federal Court hearing.

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