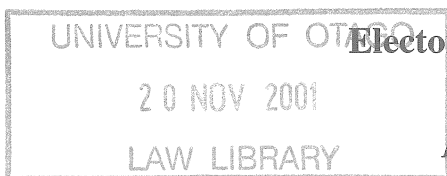


House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 15 November 2001



Electoral Amendment Bill (No 2)

Proposed amendments

Peter Brown, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

To insert, after Part 3, the following new Part 4

Part 4

Prohibition on publishing public opinion polls before election

54 New Part 7A inserted

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 228, the following Part:

“Part 7A

“Prohibition on publishing public opinion polls before election

“228A Prohibition on publishing public opinion polls before election

“(1) Every person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 who, at any time during the 14-day period before the date fixed for a general election or a by-election or, on polling day, up to the close of polling,—

“(a) publishes, or causes to be published, the results of a public opinion poll conducted in relation to that general election or by-election during that 14-day period; or

“(b) publishes or re-publishes, or causes to be published or re-published, the results of any public opinion poll conducted before the commencement of that 14-day period in relation to that general election or by-election.

- “(2) If the period between the issue of a writ under **section 125** or **section 129** and polling day is less than 14 days, **subsection (1)** applies to that period as if it were a 14-day period.
- “(3) For the purposes of this section, **publish** means to make public by any means including, by not limited to, making the results known or commenting publicly on them—
- “(a) in a newspaper, book, or periodical:
 - “(b) on radio or television:
 - “(c) on the Internet in a form that is publicly accessible;—
- and **re-publish** has a corresponding meaning.”
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