



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

MR DAVID FEENEY

TAKE NOTICE that the High Court of Australia will sit as the Court of Disputed Returns pursuant to s 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918 (Cth) at 10:15am (AEST) on Friday 19 January 2018 at the Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, for the purpose of giving directions as to the hearing and determination by the Court of Disputed Returns of the following questions transmitted by the House of Representatives on 7 December 2017 pursuant to s 377 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918 (Cth):

- (a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution the place of the Member for Batman (Mr Feeney) has become vacant;
- (b) if the answer to Question (a) is "yes", by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
- (c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
- (d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

Any person who desires to place any evidence before or make any submission to the Court should apply to the Court by email addressed to HoR.Reference.Feeney@hcourt.gov.au by 4:00pm (AEDT) on Thursday 21 December 2017 setting out the reasons why they should be granted leave to appear before the Court. The Court may determine such application on the papers or invite the person to appear and make oral submissions to the Court in Brisbane (or by video-link if required) at 10:15am (AEST) on Friday 19 January 2018.

Inquiries should be directed to the Registry in Canberra by telephoning (02) 6270 6862.

DATED 8 December 2017

Andrew Phelan
Chief Executive and Principal Registrar