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Mentone. 3194.
20th September, 1982.

Dear Harry,

I am writing to you this open letter concerning the forthcoming Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society election. In the next couple of days you will receive the 'Fares Please' mailout from the Society. The list of candidates for Election to the Board of Management will be included plus a Proxy Form.

I am writing to ask that if you have not made your mind up as to who you would like to vote for and you are open to suggestions I am placing the following list before you. The election is completely democratic and you are welcome to come along and vote or send a Proxy for the candidates you wish, but if you are looking for suggestions I offer the following;

POSITION	CANDIDATE
Melbourne Vice President	Peter Winspur
Ordinary Board Member (6 positions)	Allan Bradley Stephen Butler Campbell Duncan Graham Jordan Paul McDonald Andrew Mitchell

These Members, I feel, work well and in good harmony with each other and have a genuine committment to the well being of the Society. If you wish to adopt my suggestion please forward your Proxy immediately. Even if you think you can come on the day still send the form as it can be cancelled when you get there, but if you don't get it in by the 8th you cannot quickly organise one at the last minute as the closing date for these is the 8th.

Why I don't wish to see votes cast for Andrew Hall and Tony Smith!

Despite the image he may present to you, Andrew Hall has been conducting a vicious and defaming attack on Members of the Society in the build up to this election, plus his attitude to fellow Board Members over the past year has been incredible. I realise he is under a lot of pressure and strain due to many factors but he has lost the confidence of the rest of the Board. His remarks of other Society members and attitudes towards them are totally uncalled for. He is a disturbing influence on the Board which otherwise works in complete harmony and friendship.

Despite what Tony Smith says in his election speech, the fact is that he resigned from the Society in 1976 and rejoined in 1981. He was away from us for 5 years working on his own project at Haddon. He was abusive to some Members of our Society who attempted to look at his project at Haddon and since rejoining us he has hardly attended any work effort in Ballarat.

That is what I have to say on the matter and again I stress, that you are entitled to vote for whom you wish, but if you want a suggestion I offer the above. If you are mailing a Proxy please do it soon after you receive the form in 'Fares Please'. Should you wish to discuss this letter with me I will be open and honest and can be contacted by telephone on 583 8034 during the mornings this week.