



State of Victoria (Australia)

Allowing the Visually Impaired to Vote Autonomously

Description

The State of Victoria implemented electronic voting to support multiple languages and to allow blind and visually impaired citizens to vote with total privacy during the 2006 Lower and Upper House elections. HP and ScytI provided reusable voting terminals based on standard PCs and ScytI's e-voting software. The terminals support 12 languages and include features for people with disabilities. The feedback from users was overwhelmingly positive, for many it was the first time they were able to vote independently. This project was awarded the 'SSD Highly Successful Project Award' remitted by HP in Asia-Pacific in 2007.

Objectives

The main objective of the State of Victoria was to allow visually impaired citizens to vote autonomously through the use of secure e-voting solutions at poll-sites. In addition to this objective, they also wanted a solution that allowed them to securely reuse computers that had already been purchased by the state.

Characteristics

ScytI, along with Hewlett-Packard, supplied the e-voting technology to the State of Victoria. Besides the technology, ScytI provided all related services:

- Customization of the voting systems.
- Training of poll workers and election officials.
- Creation and delivery of the LiveCDs used to create the voting terminals.
- On-site testing/configuration of the technologies provided.
- Complete support (on-site) during the election.
- Overall project management.