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To Whom It Concerns

I believe changing the current electoral system is politically motivated due to the unpopularity of the current LNP Campbell Newman Government. It is self serving for the government and should be viewed with the contempt it deserves. The current LNP state government seems to have decided in Machiavellian style, if it cannot retain government fairly by delivering good outcomes for the people of Queensland it will seek to change the electoral legislation to give them an unfair advantage.

**The points I wish to make are as follows:**

Firstly, I agree with Dr Paul Williams, senior lecturer in the Griffith University School of Humanities, who states that **it is undemocratic**. In relation to **a removal of caps, this would assist a wealthy LNP more than a poor ALP**. The proposal **to disallow Labor from accepting union funds** is to remove a major fund provider from the election campaign **giving the LNP an unfair advantage**. It follows as surely as night follows day, that ordinary, less affluent, mainly working Queenslanders will have a reduced voice in the future of their state. Elections should be won by policies offered by the various parties, not by which party can summons the most income to produce the most prolific election campaign.

Secondly, **automatic electoral roll enrolments for young people** reaching the age of 18 should they fail to register within days of their birthday, **should be included**, but their enrolment should be included **in all electoral rolls (ie. local, state and national)**. This is only fair. Voting is the right of all Australians and governments should assist this right as much as possible, by including their citizens on electoral rolls as seamlessly as possible.

Thirdly, **how to vote cards are necessary**. They provide a simplified guide to voters on the spot, to ensure voters cast their votes validly in a reasonably complex system.

Fourthly, **voting is an important right of all citizens**. This right was hard won by many predecessors at great sacrifice to themselves (including their lives) so that we could all have input to change governments without bloodshed. Citizens can already not vote by not entering numbers on the voting form should wish.

Yours faithfully

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