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Compulsory voting should remain for QLD state elections because making voting voluntary will exclude certain groups from contributing to our society.

The voices of those people at the lower end of the socio-economic scale, who have had less education and perhaps are less aware of political issues, or whose immediate priorities do not include political issues - are as important as those who are educated and understand the civic importance of voting.

By making voting voluntary you you will exclude people who through their circumstances or education may not have an awareness of the importance of democracy, or who may not see voting as a priority. Whilst these people may not want to engage in voting or political issues, it cannot be said that they don't care about their future, or their childrens' futures. The only way we can all have have a say and help shape the society that we want to live in, is if we all contribute equally to determining the representatives who form the government. This requires EVERYONE to have a say, compulsorily.

Voluntary voting is insidious because it appears to be enhancing peoples' choices, when in the long term it is excluding certain groups of people from contributing to shaping our Australian society. Government will not be truly representative of the people if only SOME people pick the representatives.

Regards,

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