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Sent: Sunday, 6 January 2013 4:13 PM
To: Electoral Reform
Subject: Public input into changes to the electoral laws
To whom it concerns

I write to present a submission regarding the proposed change for the Queensland electoral laws to make voting non-compulsory.

I wish to register my concern and advise you that I think this is a very bad idea.

Non-compulsory voting puts our democracy at risk.

Compulsory voting in Australia has actively guarded against the worst excesses of cashed-up minority interest groups (and powerful business interests) and their influential backers and lobbyists.

It has ensured we have a level playing field no matter the political or social cause or motivator.

Australia needs more participation by its people, not less.

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