



17th January 2013

Electoral Reform,
Strategic Policy, Legal and Executive Services,
Department of Justice and Attorney-General,
G.P.O. Box 149
BRISBANE Qld 4001

Dear Sir,

This is my submission on the Green Paper concerning Electoral reform specifically Compulsory Voting.

1) Compulsory Voting is a RIGHT and a PRIVILEGE. People died for my right to vote, and the privilege of voting is my way, as an ordinary citizen, of having a say in the running of my country. To those who consider it contrary to their civil liberties, well that is a price we pay for democracy and freedom. We all need rules/regulations otherwise there would be chaos, and if this is the way some consider Compulsory Voting so be it. They will still decide whether they vote or not. By watering down Compulsory Voting you are changing the power base from people, because people will take the easy way out and not vote at all. So what happens then to the "people power", it shifts to whom? At a guess the political parties and this is not the true meaning of Democracy.

2) With regards to Donation Laws, How to vote cards, Modernising our voting system, I do not have strong views. However I do have a concern with lumping 4 items to be considered in one paper as having the possibility of one or more being relegated as less important and therefore not giving the right consideration. I would hope with the submissions you would consider each on its merits.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Black".

C. Black (Mrs).