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I am in favour of a change to compulsory voting. Although coming from the UK some 41 years ago (where voting is not compulsory) I have always voted in all tiers of government. However I do not agree with compulsory voting as this should be a democratic right as to whether we want to vote or not. Forget the arguments that we cannot elect to not pay taxes etc as this is not the question

As an example, I attended the State election area in Cooroy on behalf of Friends Of Noosa to hand out details of the plebiscite opposing the Noosa amalgamation. On several occasions I was told that the only reason they were there was that they had to vote! This attitude only adds to the fact that votes will be cast with no thought to the party or candidate, a donkey vote or spoiled vote.

Therefore let us get the people who are serious voters to have their say and the others can stay away but not complain afterwards about the elected candidates