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Hello Campbell and crew

I like your initiative Campbell, as I feel there is some room for improvement in QLD politics. Time to set a new benchmark in Australian politics, I say, and it starts with a streamlined and transparent electoral system.

The world has irrevocably changed. Vision, results and fairness mean more to people today than debating left or right political convictions. To be successful and sustainable, QLD politics and QLD electoral system need to match the demands and needs of our real time, 24/7, world we live, with transparency, resourcefulness, reliability and integrity of results.

Part A

As voting is confined to individuals, it is appropriate to confine the right to donate to a registered political party and candidates, to individuals or there might be unfair / undue influence. I also feel there should be a mandatory disclosure by both the donor and the recipient, real time transparency (as opposed to retrospective transparency), very similar to the NY City online initiative . I don't think it unnecessarily restricts donors from participating in the political process, as shareholders of companies, members of unions etc can contribute individually. Not all shareholders of the same company, or members of union hold the same views and may choose to vary the nature of their contribution (in-kind gift, Gift to the candidate, subscription to the party, campaign funding). There should be transparency and capping on all political donations and gifts to political parties and candidates, regardless of whether the donation is intended to be used for campaign purposes, with a strict ban from corporations, unions, groups, banks, anonymous and overseas donations. Cap could be increased to up to \$10K per financial year to a registered political party and a registered candidate.

PART B

Truth in Political Advertising Legislation

At the end of the day, results should speak for themselves ☺ Document well and broadcast them regularly. Aim for real time transparency!

Yes, truth in political advertising legislation should be introduced in QLD, and extend beyond advertisements to inaccurate and misleading statements.

Why take the risk of losing credibility / trust / confidence from the public with inaccuracies and misleading statements? Labor Gvt accumulated a long enough list of abysmal results.

3. Proof of Identity

Without proof of ID, the process is a joke.

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Yes, proof of photographic ID should be a requirement, nationally and not just in QLD. I don't feel it is a disproportionate response to a risk but an extra step toward greater confidence in the verification process and the integrity of results. If the person does not have a photographic ID, then the person should meet the name + address requirement with documents such as utility bills, lease, Medicare card etc.

There is no confidence in the integrity of results when there is no accuracy.

5. Electronic voting

We may not have a national citizen identification system in Australia but each electorate has a unique database of enrolled individuals with names, surnames and addresses, and each voter could identify themselves online against that list. Very similar to the online renewal of driving licence in QLD. However, I am more concern about secret vote not being so secret as you can track the IP address of each computer used. But could introduce online voting at some booths, after ID verification, as an intermediate measure until tech improves.

That was my formal say!

I am a Campbell fan