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We wish to submit to Section 7 of the Discussion paper regarding the retention of Compulsory voting in Queensland elections.

We have heard that the State Government is considering changes to compulsory voting in Queensland. We realize we are one of the few countries in the world with compulsory voting but likewise we have one of the least corrupt voting systems in the world too. Without compulsory voting it is easier to persuade certain voters to stay home and thus use a minority to decide issues. This happen in Egypt where 60% of the voters voted in favour of change so it was a 'democratic'

decision. However only 30% of the persons entitled to vote did so. So with a bit of 'persuasion' many people chose not to exercise their right to vote. In America we gather less than 50% voted so one wonders what the people who did not vote really could decide? The argument that people who don't want to vote only put in a protest vote does not hold water as we have read that the % of informal and non-voting votes was very low for our elections. We cannot see any reason to change our system to one which the rest of the world is using just because it is trendy to follow others and bow to the equal rights push!

Thanks

regards Leigh & Margaret Evans