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To: Electoral Reform
Subject: Comments about electoral reform discussion paper

Enrolment on polling day

Should voters be permitted to enrol on polling day? Comment: I do not support this proposal. This places too much onus on the people that man the polling booths. It may work in quiet areas where voting numbers are not high, but in cities and large regional areas this could cause massive delays in voting. If voting is not compulsory it would only be a deterrent for voters.

Electronic voting

Should electronic voting be introduced in Queensland? Comment: Electronic voting for the blind and vision impaired should be introduced in Queensland. It would not be difficult to issue a unique identifier to this group. Additionally, electronic voting booths should be introduced at polling places. They could be secured and would reduce the waste produced by the current system.

Issue for consultation – Compulsory voting

Should compulsory voting remain for Queensland State elections?

Comment: Queensland must maintain compulsory voting. If we do not we are leaving ourselves open to the buying of votes for political parties by wealthy supporters of political parties. It is everyone's duty to have their say on election day. In fact, stricter laws should be put in place to ensure eligible voters are enrolled.

Other matters:

Australia needs to think about national legislation for these types of issues. We currently have national heavy transport legislation and will soon introduce a national system for commercial vessels. We all work under the same justice system, so why do we not all have the same voting laws. This will remove the anomalies identified in this discussion paper. If you are going to amend current legislation do it for the people not for a political party that can amend legislation at a whim without the support of the people.