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Compulsory voting is something that we should be proud of. Australia's long term commitment to canvassing the view of every citizen and requiring every citizen to participate as a citizen in the democratic process is part of the backbone to protecting our egalitarian society, a society where everyone has participated in the democratic process.

Democracy with voluntary participation or participation only from those who feel empowered to participate can lead to a class of "participating citizens" and a class of "plebs", or active citizens in the democracy and non-active people. We as a nation have been a leader amongst nations in avoiding this issue with democracy through protecting our system of compulsory voting.

Please have the good sense to keep every person in our nation a participating citizen in the democratic process.

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