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Electoral Reform
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Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Please find below my public submission.

Political Donations:

- Political donations should continue to be capped in Queensland, but the cap should apply to all donations and not just those intended to be used for campaign purposes.
- Ban political donations from all tobacco companies.

Truth in political advertising:

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- Truth in political advertising legislation should be introduced in Queensland, and it should extend beyond advertisements to other inaccurate and misleading statements.

How to Vote Cards:

- Introduce a requirement for how-to-vote cards to be published on ECQ website. Postal voters don't get to see them otherwise.
- The ECQ should have the power to refuse to register a how-to-vote card that is likely to mislead or deceive a voter in casting their vote.
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- How-to-vote cards should be banned completely.
- In the event How to Vote Cards are not banned - then the behaviour of workers who hand out how-to-vote cards should be regulated.

Proof of Identity:

- Voters should be required to produce proof of their identity on polling day. This will decrease electoral fraud.

Enrolment on polling day:

20/12/2013

- Voters should be permitted to enrol on polling day.

Electronic voting:

- Electronically assisted voting should be introduced for all voters in Queensland.

Postal voting:

- The grounds upon which a person can apply for a postal vote should be expanded.
- Online postal vote applications should be permitted to make it far easier for people.
- The deadline for lodging a postal vote application should be brought forward by one day

Compulsory voting:

- Compulsory voting should remain for Queensland State elections. This is the best way to accurately determine the "will of the electorate".

Any other matter:

- Queensland must adopt a Proportional voting system such as currently used in Tasmania and the ACT. The current system allows a party to obtain more seats than the % of votes they receive - this is wrong. If a party wins 20% of the vote - they should hold 20% of the seats.
- Introduce electronically assisted voting for all voters in Queensland - remote access to allow all Queenslanders to complete the vote from their lounge room using their own personal computer

Sincerely

Phil Browne

"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realised I was somebody": Lily Tomlin

ALL Queenslanders: Urgent action required <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/save-qld-surrogacy/>

Believe in Equality for all?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=TBd-UCwVAY

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