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To: Electoral Reform
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Subject: Electoral Reform Discussion Paper.

My name is Alan Beddoe, I am registered in the electorate of Greenslopes and I wish to make some comments about the Electoral Reform Discussion Paper.

1. Political Donations. An organisation that seeks funds from its members as annual fees, subscriptions etc. and which makes donations to political parties should seek the amount of the donation as an extra item on the subscription renewal notice separate from any requested subscription. For example, Brisbane City Council seeks funds from ratepayers for city hall restoration as an extra optional amount on its rate notices. Members of the association, trade union etc. should be given the option of whether or not they contribute.

2. How to Vote cards. HTV cards should be banned from polling booths. This would be a saving of paper and resources as well as removing a lot of people from the polling booth precinct. Each candidate could be permitted to display a HTV card outside the polling booth.

3. Proof of Identity. Printed paper electoral rolls used at polling booths should be eliminated and replaced with an interconnected electronic system to prevent a person voting at all booths in an electorate in the name of another [perhaps recently deceased] voter. Also voters should be required to produce evidence of identity.

4. Enrolment on Voting Day. Eligible voters should be enrolled some days prior to an election NOT on day of voting, which would be a shambles and create administrative problems.

5. Electronic Voting. NO to electronic voting, except if it is of assistance to disabled voters.

7. Compulsory Voting. There is no compulsion for a person to vote – only to enrol and attend the polling booth. The voter then exercises their right not to vote by not marking the ballot paper. How many people who oppose compulsory voting in fact have other reasons [perhaps criminal] to avoid being registered to vote or attend at the polling booth. Perhaps it is just an excuse for being too lazy to vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on electoral reform.

.....Alan Beddoe.