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To: Electoral Reform
Subject: Electoral reform in Queensland

To Whom It May Concern,

In response to the Electoral reform in Queensland discussion paper, specifically compulsory voting, I feel voting should remain compulsory in Queensland State elections because I agree with the following points;

① voting is a civic duty comparable to other duties citizens perform e.g. taxation, compulsory education, jury duty; ① it teaches the benefits of political participation; ① parliament reflects more accurately the "will of the electorate"; ① governments must consider the total electorate in policy formulation and management; ① candidates can concentrate their campaigning energies on issues rather than encouraging voters to attend the poll; ① the voter isn't actually compelled to vote for anyone because voting is by secret ballot.

Regards,

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