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To: Electoral Reform
Subject: Electoral Reform

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this email to express my support for the abolition of compulsory voting as recently suggested by the Queensland State Government. I believe that it is fundamentally undemocratic to force people to vote, especially in a country such as Australia where the ideals of free speech and freedom of expression are ostensibly espoused (even if they are not constitutionally enshrined). If we are to have freedom of speech, that includes the right not to speak. Other democracies such as the United States, Canada, the UK, and the Netherlands do not force (under fear of punishment) their citizenry to vote, and neither should Australia. If people do not wish to vote, that is their prerogative and a right which should be afforded to them.

It is my sincere hope that this suggestion will be implemented and let Queensland lead the way.

Kind regards,

Niels Jacobsen