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The Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your electoral reform paper.

The issue I wish to raise comes under your heading "other options for improving Queensland's electoral laws", but which I will call "Providing representation for Australians under the age of eighteen".

Proposal: Change the Electoral Act to assign Electoral Boundaries on the basis of population, rather than the current "over the age of eighteen population".

This proposal would NOT mean that people under 18 would directly receive a vote, but it would mean that the children would receive representation by distributing their vote across the voting population within the electorate in which they reside.

Children are current disenfranchised from the electoral system, and as a result their families, the corner stone of our society, are underrepresented within the electoral system. This proposal would give recognition to those electorates that are raising the next generation proportion to the population of children within their electorate.

This proposal could also have an administrative benefit for the electoral commission. Since all Australian would now need to registered, initial voter registration could be aligned/automated with Birth and Death registrations.

NB for privacy reason, only the number of children in each electorate would need to be published by the commission.

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