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Electoral Reform  
Strategic Policy  
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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Green Paper on Electoral Reform.

This submission represents collated views of members of the LNP Noosa SEC/ Branch.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute opinion on the matter of electoral reform having experienced the application of relevant laws in Queensland. Reasons for our recommendations can be given if needed.

Part A – Political donations, public funding, and election campaign expenditure.

1. Political donations – no cap should apply on the quantum of any political donation, and donors should have a right to remain anonymous.
2. Public funding for elections – some believe political parties should be subsidized by public funding.
3. Election campaign expenditure – an indexed cap on spending for each electorate should remain.

Part B – Other options for improvement.

4. Enrolment on polling day
5. Electronic voting - a secure system of electronic voting is needed.
6. Postal voting
7. Compulsory voting – in principle, voting should be not compulsory, but in practice this leads to enhanced campaign costs and increased burden on party workers at election time.
8. Voting system
9. Any other matter
  - a. Pre-poll voting in local government elections should be cut to one week to reduce costs and burden on (non-party) volunteers.
  - b. Non-resident rate payers should be entitled to vote in local government elections as they are in the UK, USA and all Australian states, except Queensland and the NT.

Yours faithfully



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