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From: michael moloney [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 11 February 2013 6:19 PM
To: Electoral Reform
Subject: Re: Electoral reform discussion paper

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support :

1. To further cap political donations to reduce improper influence by any one donor or lobby group.
2. To reduce payment of fees for attendance at fundraising functions as this is just another way of moving large sums of money to the major parties.
3. Restore funding based on received votes as this will encourage smaller parties or independents to run.

In addition I feel that it is undemocratic to force people to vote. Having lived overseas, the comments I received from friends and family living in these countries where voting is not compulsory, now believe that it is not ethical to punish people who do not vote (for what ever reason they may have). In addition, I feel that I should not be forced to vote when a system places a candidate in jail to prevent me from voting for them. I site the Electoral Commissions' prosecution of Pauline Hanson which eventually had her jailed erroneously. I feel that such actions should not be rewarded by legitimatizing these corrupt actions and forcing me to vote for candidates of their choosing or no one at all.

Yours faithfully
Michael Moloney

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