

**From:** Colin Hegarty

**Sent:** Saturday, 5 January 2013 10:55 AM

**To:** Electoral Reform

To Whom it may concern,

I am a Viet Nam Veteran and live in North Queensland, your attempt to change the voting system is an attempt to disenfranchise the people in our community, the voting system as it stands now is fine and should not be tampered with. We in the north as you very well know have suffered two category five cyclones in the past seven years along with major flooding, so what happens when one of these events occur the week of an election? I would suggest to you that only a small number of voters who would have already voted absentee could dictate who becomes my member and I am also aware that no doubt that your department will have highly paid media spin specialists countering this argument.

Numerically, Queensland has a small population base unlike other major democracies and the present compulsory system works fine and any attempt to change to non-compulsory is just a political attempt to keep incompetent governments of any persuasions in power.

Regards Colin Hegarty