

ELECTORAL REFORM
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SUBJECT ELECT. REFORM
POLITICAL DONATIONS

PUTTING CAPS ON POLITICAL DONATIONS
IS POINTLESS AS ANY GOOD ACCOUNTANT
WILL FIND A WAY TO BYPASS THE
SYSTEM.

SO LONG AS ALL SUBSTANTIAL
DONATIONS ARE DISCLOSED AND THE DONORS
EASY TO IDENTIFY IT DOES NOT MATTER
WHERE OR IN WHAT FORM THE DONATIONS
ARE MADE

A DEDICATED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT IS
POINTLESS AND JUST WINDOW DRESSING
AS CAMPAIGNING CONTINUES FROM ONE
POLK TO THE NEXT

PUBLIC FUNDING.

PUBLIC FUNDING IN ALL ELECTIONS
MUST STOP. IT SERVES ONLY TO MAKE
THE POLITICAL PARTIES FAT AND LAZY.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES
SHOULD FUND THEIR OWN NEEDS

IF THEY CANNOT FUND THEIR OWN

NEEDS THEN THEY ARE NOT CAPABLE OF RUNNING THE COUNTRY.

TAXPAYER FUNDS SHOULD ONLY BE SPENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF TAXPAYERS

ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

TRYING TO REGULATE CAMPAIGN FUNDING CANNOT WORK.

TO TRY TO SEPARATE CAMPAIGN FUNDING FROM POLITICAL PARTIES EXPENDITURE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE AND WOULD WASTE TAXPAYERS FUNDS. AGAIN SYSTEMS WOULD BE PUT IN PLACE TO CONFUSE THE ISSUE AND WHO COULD POSSIBLY WHAT WAS CAMPAIGN FUNDS AND WHAT WAS NOT. MANY IN POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD MEANT.

TRUTH IN POLITICAL ADVERTISING.

IT SAYS SOMETHING WHEN THERE HAS TO BE LEGISLATION TO FORCE ADVERTISERS TO PORTRAY ONLY THE TRUTH. ESPECIALLY IN THE HONOURABLE VOCATION OF POLITICS. OF COURSE THERE SHOULD BE TRUTH IN ADVERTISING ALONG WITH A SERIOUS PENALTY WHEN A BREACH IS PROVEN. ALL ADVERTISING SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

MISHEADING AND INACCURATE STATEMENTS SHOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY AND CORRECTIONS MADE WHERE NECESSARY.

THE INTERPRETATION OF THE ABOVE WOULD BE DIFFICULT AS MANY ADS AND STATEMENTS WILL BE IN THE GREY AREA.

REGULATIONS ON HOW TO VOTE CARDS HOW TO VOTE CARDS SHOULD BE VETTED BY THE ECQ AND PUBLISHED ON THEIR WEBSITE.

THE ECQ SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO INSPECT AND REJECT HOW TO VOTE CARDS LIKELY TO CONFUSE.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOW TO VOTE CARDS SHOULD BE BANNED ON POLLING DAY.

A COMPOSITE OF ALL HOW TO VOTE CARDS SHOULD BE ON DISPLAY IN EACH AND EVERY POLLING BOOTH AND REGULARLY CHECKED AND REPLACED IF DEPAVED.

THIS SHOULD BE THE TASK OF THE ELECTORAL STAFF ON DUTY ON THE DAY.

PROOF OF IDENTITY

I SEE NO GOOD REASON TO CHANGE THE PRESENT SYSTEM. HAVING EVERY VOTER PROVIDING PROOF OF IDENTITY WOULD CAUSE TREMENDOUS CONGESTION AT THE POLLING PLACE.

IF ELECTRONIC VOTING WAS TO BE INTRODUCED THE SITUATION WOULD OBVIOUSLY CHANGE.

ENROLLMENT ON POLLING DAY

DEFINATELY NOT. THE CURRENT RULES REGULATIONS NEED TO BE MADE CLEAR AND RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED

ELECTRONIC VOTING

ELECTRONIC VOTING SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL IT CAN BE GUARANTEED FOOLPROOF AND NOT BE SUBJECT TO MANIPULATION. IT SHOULD BE NATIONWIDE AND UNIFORM.

THE QUEENSLAND HEALTH DEBACLE IS A GOOD REASON FOR BEING VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT ELECTRONIC VOTING.

POSTAL VOTING.

POSTAL VOTING SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO VOTE AT THEIR CONVENIENCE AND RELIEVES

CONGESTION AT THE POLLING BOOTHS
VOTERS MAY ALSO BE MORE
COMFORTABLE WITH BEING ABLE TO
VOTE AND NOT HAVE TO ORGANISE
THEIR PLANS FOR THAT PARTICULAR
DAY.

NO POLITICAL PARTY OR CANDIDATE
SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO LISTS
OF THOSE WHO HAVE USED A POSTAL
VOTE IN THE PAST.

PRE POLL VOTING SHOULD ALSO BE
ENCOURAGED.

THE DEADLINE FOR LODGING A
POSTAL VOTE SHOULD BE BROUGHT
FORWARD.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

COMPULSORY VOTING MUST BE
RETAINED. PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THE
RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF BEING
AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN ALSO HAVE
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A
PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS
AND DECIDING WHAT IS BEST FOR
OUR COUNTRY

VOTING SYSTEM

THE VOTING SYSTEM IN QND AND ACROSS AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE FULL PREFERENTIAL VOTING.

THIS ENSURES THAT EVERY VOTE HAS SOME VALUE AND THAT THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY PREVAILS.

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