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**I am very concerned about the possibility Queensland will abandon compulsory voting. We cannot "opt out" of having an elected government, so we cannot "opt out" of participating in the electoral process. I agree with the following statement:**

**THE threat to end compulsory voting in Queensland is the most serious attack on our democratic way of life since the end of World War II.**

Non-compulsory voting is inherently undemocratic and dangerous. It disenfranchises the uneducated and the poor, whose voices tend to be harder to hear when a system becomes dominated by cashed-up minority groups with fringe agendas that affect the majority. Taken to extremes, this becomes the vocal minority dictating to the silent majority.

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