

*Mr Blayie*  
Dear Attorney General

1 March 2013

**Re: Electoral Reform Submission KAP**

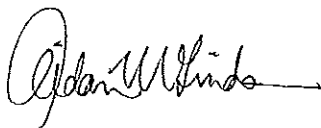
Please accept this submission to the Green Paper on Electoral Reform on behalf of Katter's Australian Party.

We would like to address the following items within this discussion paper:

- **Political donations** – we believe this has been an issue which has transpired politically motivated legislation without any careful objectivity and we wish to have this comprehensively reviewed to create a transparent level-playing ground.
- **Election campaign expenditure** is currently too complicated and requires a simple equation which is identical for each electorate rather than a median expenditure limit per electorate.
- **Truth in political advertising** needs urgent attention which can provide strengthened legal recourse for individual candidates and party's where information is incorrect or deceitful.
- **How-to-vote cards** should be banned and replaced with one laminated A3 how-to-vote card posted above each ballot booth. This has obvious environmental benefits but more importantly reduces tension and intimidation at the entrance to each polling station.
- **Proof of identification** should be mandatory – it has to be produced for licensed venues or to purchase cigarettes so it's time to add polling booths as well to deter any persons from claiming a false identity.
- **Electronic voting** is open to high risk malfunctions and fraud and therefore should not ever be implemented.
- **Compulsory voting** does not exist in Australia, it is only compulsory to turn up to the polling station to tick your name off and receive a ballot paper. The current system does not require you to fill in the actual ballot therefore the terminology must be amended to "Compulsory voter roll call". This system should remain in place.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to continued dialogue into the future.

Yours faithfully



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