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Sent: Thursday, 3 January 2013 5:59 PM
To: Electoral Reform
Subject: A BIG NO

Hello,

I do NOT believe Queensland should go back to the "dark ages" and have non compulsory voting. I did Economics in high school and was always taught to NEVER waste your vote. My background, I am a low income earner and my highest education was Year 12. I am 45 years of age, divorced (was married for 20 years). I have 2 children (ages 19 & 22) I do value what I was taught in Economics and have encouraged my family to do the same. I don't believe it should be non compulsory because of the "she'll be right mate" or the Aussie apathy that goes on. It is wrong to go down the path of the U.S. Just looking at their position on their "right" to bare arms is ridiculous. Simple mathematics alone in that case, less guns = less killings. I am going to refer to a comment made of my Facebook page that I totally agree with.....It seems like we're turning into America day by day. True democracy is based upon participation. Whilst citizens have rights, they also have obligations to the State. One of those obligations is to show up once in every three or four years and register a vote. Say fifteen minutes of your time to cross your name off the electoral roll. Its not a big one that the state asks of you! If the majority are too lazy, too self important or ignorant to do even this, then it bespeaks volumes on the the true character of the Australian citizen. If you don't care about your democracy, then you don't deserve to be in one.

People fought for democratic rights and it should be encouraged. And another posting I fully agree with.....

If you feel that having to get your name ticked off a list every few years is an annoyance. Then think of the consequences without it. Politicians are shit scared of voters with hate in their hearts, that is why we have the following:

- Free hospitals
- Free healthcare
- Cheaper pharmaceuticals PBS
- Unemployment benefits
- Parenting Payment
- Disability Support Payment
- Family Allowance Tax Benefit A and B
- Old Age Pension

Politicians would gladly get rid of all these things but won't because these people HAVE to vote. If they get rid of compulsory voting then people that use these things are typically the ones that don't vote.

Look to AMERICA if you want to see their social system in action. Because they know that the poor and black don't traditionally vote.

I vote NO on changing voting in Queensland. It needs to stay compulsory.

Regards

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