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**Dear Sir/s and/or Madam/s,**

**Please do not make our democratic compulsory voting system into an optional system. You need look no further than the US and the gun lobby to see what ruin would come with this so-called reform.**

**We've taught our children since primary school that everyone counts. We'd be foolish to abandon that for a US or British-style experiment that does more to disenfranchise voters than our compulsory system ever has. It has the potential to make us, the people of Australia, slaves to minority groups. It has the power to enable a group of people with large amounts of money to vote themselves a tax-exempt existence whilst poverty-laden residents bear the cost of much-needed taxation.**

**Right now Australia needs more participation by its people, not less. We should be doing all we can to encourage ALL who are eligible to vote to enrol now. Australian citizenship is a wonderful right to have; let's ensure that this right is maintained by all its members**

**Yours sincerely**

**[Mrs] Ashleigh McGinn**

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