

Please find my submission attached.

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Submission to Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform

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The following comments are my suggestions to improve the electoral system for Western Australia's Legislative Council.

Abolish Group Ticket Voting. The system lacks transparency, encourages gaming of the system and produces anomolous results which do not reflect the intention of voters.

Introduce a minimum quota of 2.5% for election. This would be sufficient to deter parties with negligible support to enter the election for the purpose of preference harvesting while still low enough to give a chance for new parties to enter elections and gain public support. The number of 2.5% is also approximately equal to the proportion of the total vote required to gain one seat out of thirty six.

Adopt a system of mixed-member proportional representation. This would ensure genuine proportionality in representation. This would give representation based on geographical constituencies with numbers balanced by supplementation from party lists.