

From Trevor Prowse

My interest comes from my father who was a senator for WA from 1961-72 for the then Country Party. I am not representing any Party.

Could the committee look at this idea, and conduct my ideas on some of the regions, and see what the results would bring up.

That the counting would (after all votes are in), allocate first preferences after candidates have obtained the required quota for that region. For example if 4 candidates have obtained a quota, then allocate every candidate's first preference just once. This would leave two positions to be filled. They would then be filled by the two candidates with the highest votes.

This would stop preference surfing.

Voting allowance would only apply to parties that obtain say 10% of the total votes.

Regards to the question of the worth of votes----every candidate has an equal chance of winning a seat, regardless of the number of votes in each region.

If one vote, one value is carried to the extreme situation when 95% of the population lives in 5% of the land mass, it could mean that the rural areas may only elect one member per region. Even with a helicopter, the single member would find it difficult to represent the 95% of the state..

Regards-----Trevor Prowse