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Please advise if anything further is required.

Yours faithfully
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Term of Reference 1

One electorate being the state of Western Australia is the only way to achieve electoral equality.

One electorate exists in NSW, South Australia and for WA's representatives in the Senate.

Such would prevent gerrymandering.

Term of Reference 2

End the practice of registration of distribution of preferences so that outside of a party or group ticket it is a matter entirely for the voter. The voter deciding whether or not to vote for a ticket in any event. A candidate can only be on one party or group ticket. This will absolutely prevent any preference whispering.

Effective optional preferential voting so that all votes are valid if they commence with the numeral 1.

Above the line, the vote can follow a party or group ticket by placing a number of choice next to it. Below the line, the vote will be as set out by the voter irrespective of the order of a party ticket.

If a voter fills in above the line and below the line, the latter is the legitimate vote to the exclusion of the former.

If every voter was to cast a vote for 36 candidates, the quota would be approximately 2.7%.

Where there are a number of votes exhausted toward the end of the count the quota would not be achieved, therefore after all transfers are exhausted the remaining vacancies should be filled by the number of candidates required having the greater number of votes.

In the interests of practicality, rather than absolute purity, the system should otherwise remain.

Absolute purity would involve every voter filling out every square below the line. Such would be bad practice.