

Dear Committee

Part of me says that we should abolish the Upper House, as is the case in Queensland. Let the Government of the day, govern. Surely there are enough checks and balances are in place (CCC, Auditor General, etc.) to ensure that the decision making House does not need a House of Review?

However, I think it is a step too far for politics in WA today. The Premier did say “no electoral reform is on the Agenda” and the regions are paranoid (probably with good reason) about missing out or being mistreated by a City Centric Parliament.

My suggestion is that a First Past the Post voting system be established (as currently happens in Local Government elections). I suggest that the 6 positions remain in each Region and that preferential voting be abolished.

Good luck with the review, I do hope my thought are considered as part of a positive outcome.
Kind regards and best wishes,

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