

## Submission to Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform

Just a short submission as I am not an expert on how the boundaries are drawn up or percentages.

I believe the upper house voting paper should be brought more into line with the Federal paper in regards to how many parties can be selected above the line. The rationale being the following.

I do not know individual candidates but vote by party and that party's policy. So numbering all of the individuals is tedious, error prone and irrelevant.

This then leads to me often just selecting 1 above the line but I do not know how the preferences fall. It becomes a bit of a black box and the party I vote for probably does not follow the preferences I would choose for myself.

Being able to select by preference above the line will more easily align with my wishes, be more democratic and less error prone. This would seem to be an easy, fair and democratic change to accomplish.

Thanks

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