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Dear Committee Members

I would appreciate your full consideration of the issue raised in my submission – which I consent to be made public.

I trust your report will address and explain this matter – which I believe is in keeping with your terms of reference – in straight forward terms and plain language and a way that is understandable to the average person.

A Daylight Savings Party candidate won election to the Legislative Council in the March 2021 state election for Mining and Pastoral on the strength of 98 first preference votes.

Also in Mining and Pastoral four of the six MLC's elected were from the Labor Party. Three of those successful candidates each got 32, 18 and 23 first preference votes while the other got 27,890 first preference votes.

Much emphasis publicly and politically – including in your own terms of reference – has been put on the fact that Mr Wilson Tucker was elected with just 98 (first preference) votes. However, there has been little or no commentary or discussion about the fact, for example, that three other MLCs from the Labor Party were also elected to office for Mining and Pastoral - who by the same measure could not muster a total of 98 first preferences between all three of them.

Can the committee please examine what similarities and differences exist in the path to election of the MLCs discussed above?

Are double standards being applied to the election of a micro party MLC while the election of MLCs from a mainstream political party are not scrutinised in the same way? Doesn't that amount to political bias?

If questions are to be asked about preference deals between parties are done shouldn't similar questions be asked about how main stream political parties divvy up their own excess votes amongst their candidates?

Just for the record I want to declare I am not a member of any political party or linked with any candidate but I am an active voter interested in the electoral and political processes of this state.

Yours Sincerely

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