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Dear Sir/Madam

Re. Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016

We thank the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for allowing us to present our submission to the inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016

We wish to draw attention to 2 Subsection 169(4), it will be impractical for voting groups larger than 2 parties to form a combined name. The clause as it stands will work on a printed ballot paper only for voting groups such as the Liberal and National Parties (LNP) but for larger voting groups the combination name would be unreasonably long.

We propose therefore, further amendment be included to read:

Subsection 169(4)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(4) A request made under subsection (1) in respect of a candidate or candidates that are a single candidate group may include a further request that:

(a) the name of the registered political party that endorsed the candidate or candidates; or

(b) a composite name formed from the registered names of the registered political parties that endorsed the candidates;
be printed on the ballot papers adjacent to the group voting square for the group.

(c) a name of an incorporated association of political parties be printed on the ballot papers adjacent to the group voting square for the group.

Yours faithfully,

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