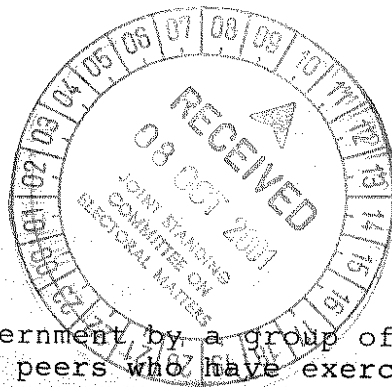


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The ~~Editor~~ ^{Secretary}

Dear Sir

Democracy is government by a group of eligible citizens elected by a majority of their peers who have exercised their right to vote and who are hopefully influenced by the current policies advocated by the candidates. Compulsory voting diminishes the current aspect because so many people are turned off by politicians and do not listen to the policies of the candidates and simply vote the same as their parents did years ago. The candidates who gain preselection for a so called safe seat whether labor or coalition have similar security to winning lotto therefore compulsory voting often leads to complacency. If voting was voluntary which is more democratic the safe seats would be things of the past and politicians would have to earn their money and work to win the votes of their constituents which would be a benefit to everyone. To enable all the population to be involved in our democracy we should introduce a subject about our democracy into the school curriculum and so by the time children leave school and are eligible to vote they will have a basic knowledge of our democracy. Then as elections come up they should be more aware of what they want from a government and be able to listen and embrace or reject the different policies.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 4/6/2002 I feel honoured to have my letter submitted to the inquiry.

Yours Faithfully



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