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Honourable members,
I would like to make a submission in support of the Senate Voters' Choice (Preference Allocation) Bill 2004. I support it as a means of enhancing democracy. Choice of preference allocations is vital to democracy. Unfortunately, with the proliferation of candidates on the senate ticket, choice is being curbed for some voters. I understand that only a small minority of people vote below the line. I also understand that a meaningful number of the voters who vote below the line make mistakes in the numbering on their ticket. This causes their vote to be invalid. It is evident that complexity of this task has a negative impact on democracy. The change proposed in the bill would not benefit the 'behind the scenes' dealing for preference. It would benefit individual voter choice.

Sincerely, Mark Byrne.

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