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Dear Members of the Joint Standing Electoral Review Committee,

My Name is Rhys Raymond Morgan  
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I think we all agree that the end result of the way the senate vote was 'gamed' for the end result of ultra-minor parties being elected in 3 states is a poor end result for our electoral process.

I have long been an advocate for preferential voting when compared with a first past the post system unless you are prepared to have a series of run-off elections which is a crazy waste of money. Our system has worked well in the past but not now under the present rules. Something has to change I suggest some or all of the below suggestions should be implemented.

- Individuals can only be a member of one political party (this stops an individual starting up a dozen quasi parties just prior to an election).
- There should be a real minimal number of paid up members for a party to be registered (eg 400).
- There should be a real cost in registering a party (eg \$1,000-2,000)
- Parties must have been in existence for 3 months before they are eligible to put themselves forward for an election. During this time they need to have held boni-fidi meetings of the members with appropriate minutes to demonstrate they are a legitimate party
- Parties should NOT be allowed to determine the preference of the voter – it must be the preference of the individual voter or there needs to be run off elections which no one wants
- I respectfully suggest there should be no above the line voting - or if it is allowed, it should be modified so as to allow the voter to express a limited number of preferences (eg 4). If their 'redistributed vote falls to an candidate that does not have a quota, then the vote drops out of the system.

Please fix the broken system and return democracy to the people. A small number of quasi-party people should not be able to determine how 15-20% of the senate vote is distributed. That is an abuse of the system and it needs to be eliminated

Regards

Rhys Morgan