



CHANGE THAT COUNTS

Australian Federal Election 2013

Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Electoral reform

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Senate Election

Counting the Vote

Surplus Transfer Value

Weighted Surplus Transfer Value Calculation

Distribution of Preferences –Reiterative Count

Principle : “Votes for excluded candidate should be redistributed as if the excluded candidate had not stood” - Wright System

Droop Quota

Droop Quota should be scrapped in favour of a pure proportional representation (x/y)

Group Voting

Group votes to be distributed equally to all candidates within a group. Order of Group Candidates exclusion to be in reverse order of the group candidates.

Scrutiny of Electronic Count

Scrutineers MUST be provided copies of the electronic data-entry file during the count. This should be published on line and in real time as the data-entry progresses. Without access to this data it is impossible to properly scrutinise an electronic count.

Candidate Deposits and Refunds

Candidate Deposits should be increased to \$5000 per candidate with refunds only paid on the basis of one refund per 4% of the vote

Optional Preferential Voting

MUST not be available for Group Ticket voting

Statement on ballot paper: *In order to maximise your vote you should indicate a preference for EVERY candidate in order of your choice Minimum 6 (12) preferences*

I request the right to address the Committee in more detail in support of this submission

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