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Dear Committee members

I have previously written to ask that the aberration on our present electoral system be addressed – namely that 20-30 persons can lock themselves away in a room and collude to manipulate up to 11% of the senate vote. 20 people should not control the voting wishes of 11% population. That is not democracy !! The present partial preferential system should I believe address this issue.

Making it a requirement that there should be a unique registrar & deputy registrar for a party to exist goes someway to tighten the existing poor requirements, but I would again ask that the following be considered:

1. A minimal (significant) number of members eg 100+ for a party to be registered.
2. Significant annual fees for the existence of a party eg \$2,000.00 pa.
3. No Australian citizen can be the member of more than one political party !!!
4. Making it an absolute requirement that all political parties must hold at least one AGM open to all eligible members per year with duly taken minutes to be available to AEC as requested to verify the bonifides of the party. This prevents the farce of the pseudo-parties existing and parties like the Palmer party which doesn't hold member's meetings – that role simply being deferred to an executive – namely Clive +/- members of his family
5. Significant financial penalties for failure to comply with the legislation - eg \$5-10,000.00 for first offence, \$20-50,000 for second offence & make it a criminal offence for office bearers (+/- imprisonment) for third or further offence – with office bearers not eligible to stand for politics

We need to get serious about this matter

Regards

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