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The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Inquiry: 2022 federal election

Dear committee

Free and fair elections for an informed public are essential to our democracy and ongoing good standard of living.

I strongly support reforms to laws to better ensure this including all the terms of references for the inquiry:

- a) reforms to political donation laws, particularly the applicability of 'real-time' disclosure and a reduction of the disclosure threshold to a fixed \$1,000;*
- b) potential reforms to funding of elections, particularly regarding electoral expenditure caps and public funding of parties and candidates;*
- c) the potential for 'truth in political advertising' laws to enhance the integrity and transparency of the electoral system;*
- d) encouraging increased electoral participation and lifting enfranchisement of First Nations People;*
- e) the potential for the creation of a single national electoral roll capable of being used for all federal, state and territory elections in Australia;*
- f) encouraging increased electoral participation and supporting enfranchisement generally, and specifically in relation to:
 - i. accessibility of enrolment and voting for persons with a disability;*
 - ii. voting rights of Australians abroad;*
 - iii. Australian permanent residents and new Australian citizens; and*
 - iv. New Zealand citizens residing in Australia; and**
- g) proportional representation of the states and territories in the Parliament, in the context of the democratic principle of 'one vote, one value'.*

For the above items that require more thought such as b), c) and e) I apologise that I do not have any detailed guidelines but trust the committee can develop these.

Thank you for your efforts.

Yours sincerely

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