

*A) How the electoral laws and the administration thereof could be improved to minimise the risk of candidates being found ineligible pursuant to section 44(1). (this could involve, among other matters, a more comprehensive questioning prior to nominations, or assistance to swiftly renouncing foreign citizenship).*

Submission:-

This could be achieved by having a pre-nomination period so that all candidates are found to comply fully with Section 44(1) by way of a fully independent committee, with full public scrutiny, this will assist in the restoration of public faith in the election of our Parliamentarians, then period of Pre-nomination would need careful consideration as Section 44 has 5 clauses. (the pre-nomination committee should consist of two Constitution experts, two Corporate lawyers, two Accountants and two people from the general public, this last issue maybe hard as most people have no ideas of what is in our Constitution and that is because, due to the lack of Government policy on this issue, it is not taught in our schools

*B) Whether the Parliament is able to legislate to make the operation section 44(1) more certain predictable, (for example, by providing a standard procedure for renunciation of foreign citizenship, or by altering procedures for challenging a parliamentarian's qualifications in the Court of Disputed Returns).*

Submission:-

We could legislate that when a person takes on Australian Citizenship all other Citizenship is automatically cancelled, or we could be more controversial and ban Dual Citizenship altogether. For me this is my preferred option, that then makes them all citizens of Australia, and no matter what their heritage they are eligible to sit in Parliament.

My reasons are that I do not believe that, in this world a person can have dual allegiance, you are either Australian or not, if you do not want to be Australian then do not come here.

I believe that any person who has evidence of Our Constitution being breached has the right to submit the evidence directly to the High Court for investigation, at no cost to them. If the evidence is done for political or personal grievance then severe penalties must apply

*C) Whether the Parliament should seek to amend section 44(1), (for example, to provide that an Australian citizens born in Australia is not disqualified by reason of a foreign citizenship by descent unless the have acknowledged, accepted or acquiesced to it)*

Submission:-

I believe that Section 44(1) should remain as is and a more stricter compliance system introduced.

I believe i have partly addressed this in B) and A), the pre-nomination committee and ban of Dual citizenship should fix most these problems.

*D) Whether any action of the kind contemplated above should be taken in relation to any of the other paragraphs of section 44 of the Constitution, in particular sections 44(iv) ad 44(v) and*

Submission:-

The action contemplated for Section 44(1) must apply to all clauses of section 44 to ensure public trust in the system. The pre-nomination committee i have suggest would have the power verify compliance with all clauses of Section 44 before any one can nominate for Election to our Parliament, this would have the effect of not causing monetary troubles by loosing their job to be able to nominate. If you are found compliant with all parts of section 44 then they can nominate and the present clauses will apply.

Maybe the time period between nomination & election should looked at to reduce financial strain, if any, on nominees.

*E) Any other related matters.*

Submission:-

Further matters i wish to raise are as follows, at present if you are found to have falsified your nomination form either accidentally or deliberately no one is being charged under the Electoral act, it clearly states on the Nomination form and the Guide book for Nominee's that severe penalties apply for incorrect or misleading information, this gives the impression that MP's are different from the rest of the people, it is up to the courts to decide what punishment is delivered ,not the Government of the day.

I also believe that when someone breaches our Constitution there is a very severe penalty be imposed , like a ban from being re-elected for a minimum of 5 years and the loss of halve of all salaries obtained illegally, this will deter those from trying to break our laws