

2025 Election Submission by Barry Searle 08 Sept 2025

It's about time we banned all poll booth workers and election signage outside polling stations, and then the increasing incidents by all political parties would disappear. No one really polices the rules around the election booths, which means that they are basically ineffective.

To a voter, the overwhelming numbers of the Blue team at the last election were starting (for those that remember) to be reminiscent of a former German political party that all wore brown shirts.

The tactics were the same ... intimidation by numbers and harassment of voters. Both the Red and the Green Teams are also starting to follow the same path to attempt to raise their own profiles, so all political parties are now on a pathway to increasing poll booth chaos.

These bullying tactics are not just a threat to the integrity of our elections, but they are also unfairly shutting out minor independents. These individuals, who often lack the resources to compete at the same level, could bring a wealth of wisdom and experience to our Parliament. By deterring them, we are limiting the depth of our democracy and the quality of our representation.

Having a broader selection of Representatives representing more people would result in better policies and more effective decisions about government spending. Having a monoculture political party system that changes every few years is fraught with strife, as they both increasingly spend taxpayers' money on projects that primarily support their own political agendas.

Elections that would benefit the electorate would be better fought based on sound policies and candidates who have already demonstrated that they have the electorate's best interest at heart by having served some level of community service.

There should be laws in Australia that make the intimidation of voters and lying to the electorate by Political candidates and representatives in a criminal offence, as it is now.

Currently, it is not.

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