Inquiry into the 2025 federal election Submission 15

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PROCEDURE FOR SENATE ELECTIONS.

There was a requirement at the last Senate elections held on May 3, 2025 to number six squares in the Senate paper in consecutive numbers 1 to 6 in any order.

Amongst them were	,	,	and	
If all six squares were not num	bered the vote was	invalid.		
All three of these parties are not just anathema, but deeply offensive to many voters for				
various reasons.	xtremely racist party	with deep a	anti Muslim and anti	Asian
and Anti Immigration policies.	is a self	declared Ch	ristian organization	that is
offensive to non Christians and many others (anti abortion, homophobic, etc).				
is below c	omment.			

The argument is that placing these parties at 4, 5 and 6 position means they are unlikely to get the voter's vote.

That is not the point!

This is similar to a Jew in Germany required to fill in a vote for Hitler in the 1920's. Any number in these squares is recognition and validation of those parties. Deeply, deeply offensive to me and I am sure many others. These parties are not benign – they are to my opinion a form of fascism.

I requested that the standing committee consider changing the legislation, so that just 3 numbers are sufficient for a vote to be valid, or even less, or for any number the vote remains valid.

A similar situation exists on the House of Representative ballot paper.

I urge the committee to recognize this issue as important.

I thank the committee for its attention to this matter,

Respectfully,