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> The last election required that people voted using a compulsory
> preferential system, this is unfair and panders to the two major
> parties. If I cannot choose which of the two large parties I
> want less, my vote will, in many cases, run through
> the preferences until I have chosen one of them.
> The concept of equality is ignored, I hate them both
> equally, therefore they are equal last on my list,
> if
> I number them both 6, then my vote will not count at
> all, even though desire to vote for my first
> preference is very obvious.
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> I think that the system is completely without merit,
> and I find it totally immoral for a government to
> expect me to be a taxpayer without being allowed to participate in the
> electoral system.
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> The letters I received back from the AUSTRALIAN
> ELECTORAL COMMISSION'S
> HELLEN MONTEN said that the system was that
> sometimes
> you have to vote for someone you don't want to vote
> for and if you don't you will be fined.
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> That is not good enough, if it is the case you can
> take me off the roll.
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> The other point is the value of preferences, a
> second
> preference should be worth no more than half.
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