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Minister for mansport and Regional Services

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Senator Warren Truss, Parliament House, CANBERRA, ACT.

Dear Sir,

At the most recent meeting of the Maroochydore Electorate National Party Women, it was decided that a letter be sent to you suggesting that now that the conservative parties have the balance of power in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, it would be an opportune time to introduce uniform compulsory preferential voting across all states and territories for both Federal and State elections, to prevent voter confusion caused by differing systems.

It is felt that many voters, even active party members who could be considered more knowledgeable on the matter, do not realise the staggering impact first past the post voting can have on the result of an election. Additionally, when there is optional preferential voting in some elections and first past the post in others, voters can be confused enough to unintentionally register an informal vote.

Yours sincerely,

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