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Submission to the 2013 Federal Election Review Committee - SENATE Election

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- **We were presented with a piece of paper one metre long, with names of parties and candidates of which we knew nothing about for 80% of them. Candidates and parties should have a mandatory duty to advise electors of their policies and ideology. This should be available in hard copy and electronically at least one month before the election.**
- **My vote is MY VOTE. It is not for a candidate to give away as a preference to another candidate as part of some deal / arrangement of which I know nothing about. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY. Preference directions must be printed against the candidates name and party. In the Lower House we know where preferences are to be directed by the major parties, and this is far less of an issue, because of the fewer number of parties.**

**Regards
Arnold D Bates**

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