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To: Committee, FPA (SEN)

Subject: Submission - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill

2007.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Friends of Douglas Shire (FoDS) is a group of over 200 concerned Douglas Shire residents from a diverse cross section of our community.

We welcome the Senate Inquiry into Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 and support the proposed amendments.

Hopefully this new legislation will prevent any further attempt by the Queensland State Government or any other State or Territory from suppressing the democratic right of individual citizens to voice their opinion.

Yours Sincerely,

R. Allen (On behalf of FoDS)