

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to submit my support for the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill.

I think allowing 16- and 17-year olds to participate in our politics would be wonderful and beneficial, not only for those young people but also for the country and its political direction. People of that age are actively engaged in political thought and discussion as a consequence of school subjects, arguably much more so than many others of current voting age who take little interest.

I agree that the right to vote at this younger age should not be compulsory, as there are many who may not be particularly interested who or already have plenty to worry about, without needing to ensure they are enrolled before necessary.

For those who are interested it would be empowering for them and important to allow their engagement and participation.

I really hope we can see this change with the acceptance of this Bill, and not remain stuck under old-fashioned conservative politics that are incredible reluctant to change.

Warm regards,
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