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Commonwealth Electoral Amendment 6 (Above the Line Voting) Act 2013.

Thankyou for your enquiry about the proposed amendment.

Many citizens of Australia support the amendment for the reasons discussed below.

Meanwhile,
please consider amendments:-

S 272 (2) any number that is repeated shall denote a preference firstly DOWN the page from top towards bottom, then across the page from left to right.

.... any number missing from a sequence shall be disregarded, and preference shall be given to the next designated number. Where no number is designated, preference shall be allocated firstly DOWN then across the page.

DISCUSSION the order of candidates is decided by ballot. This same order should be used to differentiate preference where necessary - rather than disregarding part of a preference allocation on the basis of lack of clarity.

Schedule 1, Form E

RETAIN "single figure 1 in one and only one of the squares to indicate the voting ticket

ADD "where other numbers are written above the line, preference will be allocated as per S272."

OTHER SECTIONS -- retain sufficient to allow rational functioning of proposed Schedule 1, Form E.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Please investigate optional preferential voting in the Senate. If the ordinary voter does not much like any of the Party Preference allocation, then he is forced to spend 3 hours planning his senate vote, and 30 minutes writing it for the ballot box submission. There is insufficient time on polling day for most people to do this.

With optional preferential voting ABOVE the line, it will be easier to make a valid vote - and if a mistake is made, it will not be invalid - so most of the voting intentions will be counted.

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