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My comments on these Terms of Reference

That the Committee inquire into and report on all aspects of the 2022 federal election and related matters, including consideration of:

(a) reforms to political donation laws, particularly the applicability of 'real-time' disclosure and a reduction of the disclosure threshold to a fixed \$1,000; - **A very good idea. It will provide real time tracking for authorities to monitor donations.**

(b) potential reforms to funding of elections, particularly regarding electoral expenditure caps and public funding of parties and candidates; - **If you are proposing to treat unions as individual entities that have a right to donate to the Labor party individually then this is a backward step and abuse of power. Labor are already accepting funds from individual unions and this will give them an unfair electoral advantage and stop other legitimate parties fundraising.**

(c) the potential for 'truth in political advertising' laws to enhance the integrity and transparency of the electoral system; - **Not a bad idea but how will it be enforced.**

(d) encouraging increased electoral participation and lifting enfranchisement of First Nations People; - **It will be interesting on how you propose to do this. There is a presumption that Labor has the sway in remote aboriginal communities.**

(e) the potential for the creation of a single national electoral roll capable of being used for all federal, state and territory elections in Australia; - **This isn't such a bad idea as I believe this will cut costs for the AEC**

(f) encouraging increased electoral participation and supporting enfranchisement generally, and specifically in relation to:

- i. accessibility of enrolment and voting for persons with a disability; - **agree**
- ii. voting rights of Australians abroad; - **only if they are Australian citizens**
- iii. Australian permanent residents and new Australian citizens; and - **the last time I looked at the constitution you have to be an Australian citizen to vote in either federal or state elections**
- iv. New Zealand citizens residing in Australia; and - **the last time I looked at the constitution you have to be an Australian citizen to vote in either federal or state elections**

(g) proportional representation of the states and territories in the Parliament, in the context of the democratic principle of 'one vote, one value'. **If this means more house of reps and senators for Canberra and NT then I don't believe this is right. Both of these territories have small populations and this means they will be over represented in both houses.**

Other Ideas:

- (1) **Production of identification when you vote**
- (2) **Get rid of party volunteers congregating outside of polling booths hassling voters**

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