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Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters,
Parliament House,

As I pointed out in my original letter to my Electoral Office, preference votes give supporters of minority parties virtually "two bites (at least) of the cherry"! How can this be condoned? By their preferences they frequently can and do de-franchise the majority vote! And why should any one Australian have an advantage over another in their voting?

For instance, in our recent Council Elections our former Mayor received a clear majority but by collusion or whatever, second and third best got the prize! Their preferences outvoted her!

Elections are often referred to as either a one or a two horse race but in reality second and third runners in a race do not get the main prize. So why has our system supported this concept in our elections?

If Bemborough won the race with \$X placed on him in bets, would Carbine and Flight because they had a combined \$X plus bet on them be entitled to the winner's circle. No way!

More importantly, what can one individual do to change this system?

Sincerely,

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