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Members of the Committee

SUBMISSION ON FIXING THE SENATE VOTING SYSTEM

The Australian Federal Senate voting system has long been criticised and held up to ridicule. Your committee has an opportunity to redress some of the faults of the voting system in light of the distortions arising following questionable preference deals done at the 2004 Federal election.

Australian voters need to be encouraged to participate in our Democracy for it to remain vibrant. A necessary step in ensuring the Australian voter would be to simplify and demystify our existing Senate voting system. To this end, positive support by all Members of the Joint Standing Committee for Senator Bob Brown's "Senate Voters' Choice (Preference Allocation) Bill 2004" to become law is urged. Your support for this bill would do great service to the Joint Standing Committee's commitment on truly representative Democracy for Australia.

Furthermore, passage of Senator Brown's Bill into law would be a credit to our current Federal Parliament and would empower Australian voters to properly and transparently elect the Senators who they truly choose to elect.

Yours sincerely,
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