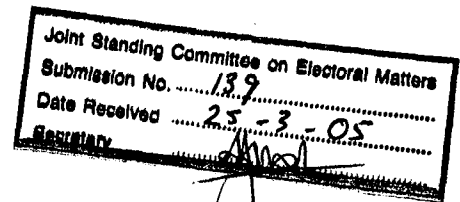


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Submission regarding the Bill on Senate Voters' Choice (Preference allocation)

To the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters:

To me the change proposed by Senator Bob Brown makes a lot of sense for two reasons:

1. It gives the voters more choice, thus increasing the democratic value of the voting.
2. Through scrutineering it make it easier for the successfully elected party to know where its support lies in the eyes of the voters.

Note: the present system was probably devised so as to give each party an opportunity to express its evaluation of the policies of other parties. Instead, it has deteriorated into being a matter of horse trading between parties, who exchange support depending on the likely voting percentages rather than on policies.

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