

**Supplementary submission to the  
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters  
Concerning an Alternative layout of Senate ballot paper**

On reviewing my submission dated 4/7/02 I felt that there was a need for some more emphasis on the importance of revising the layout of the Senate ballot paper to make voting fairer, as recommended in my submission to the Inquiry into the 1998 election.

I have therefore attached a mockup of the 2001 Tasmanian Senate ballot paper using my proposed layout. It shows how up to 30 candidates can easily be fitted onto an A4 sized sheet without having to lump ungrouped candidates who may have directly opposing policies together in the same column. In this case I have placed the names in the same order they appeared on the actual ballot paper, but in practice the ungrouped individuals would all go into the draw and may appear anywhere in the order.

This layout would still allow a 'left of the line' or 'right of the line' vote although, as my submission to the inquiry into the 1998 election stated, a 'left of the line' vote should require boxes to be filled in for all parties/groups.

To maximise fairness these measures should, as I originally stated, be combined with rotation, or better still full randomisation, of positions for both parties and candidates within parties. This would probably require a bar code on each paper so that the data entry operators could key in the numbers from top to bottom and the computer could then allocate them to the correct candidates. The results would then represent the true wishes of the electors rather than those of party power-brokers.

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<b>TASMANIA FIRST PARTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> CRACK Marilyn <input type="checkbox"/> JACKSON David <input type="checkbox"/> PRESSER John
<b>HOPE PARTY AUSTRALIA</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> BRISTOW James Tate <input type="checkbox"/> PETHERBRIDGE-de TISSERA Shamara
<b>PAULINE HANSON'S ONE NATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> BOAG Bronwyn <input type="checkbox"/> STOKES Peter
<b>GROUP D</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> BONNER Stephen <input type="checkbox"/> HOWARD Geoff
<b>AUSTRALIAN GREENS</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> BROWN Bob
<b>LIBERAL</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> CALVERT Paul <input type="checkbox"/> WATSON John <input type="checkbox"/> COLBECK Richard <input type="checkbox"/> PARRY Stephen
<b>GROUP G</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> BAINBRIDGE Alex <input type="checkbox"/> CLEARY Sarah
<b>AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> BUTLER Debbie <input type="checkbox"/> TOOHEY Brendan
<b>AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MACKAY Sue <input type="checkbox"/> SHERRY Nick <input type="checkbox"/> BILYK Catryna
<b>LIBERALS FOR FORESTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> PULLINGER Peter <input type="checkbox"/> THOMAS Michael
<b>REPUBLICAN PARTY OF AUSTRALIA</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSANDINE Peter <input type="checkbox"/> LAWATSCH Bert
<b>CITIZENS ELECTORAL COUNCIL</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> LARNER Rob
<b>INDEPENDENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MARMARINOS John
<b>INDEPENDENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> LANE Helen
<b>INDEPENDENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> LOCKETT Eric