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I wish to make a submission in support of Senator Bob Brown's Senate Voters' Choice (Preference Allocation) Bill 2004.

I believe that the current group ticket voting system does not adequately reflect the view and will of the electorate. The senate results in Victoria in the 2004 Federal Election illustrates this adequately.

I believe the bill put forward by Senator Brown would enable voters to indicate their preferences in the simplified way that the electorate seems to demand in their overwhelming preference for above the line voting, without sacrificing their vote to preference deals made between parties.

As Senator Brown indicated in his second reading of the bill, the current example of a variation of this model has worked well within New South Wales, and I believe that an amendment to the Electoral Act in this direction would further enhance our democracy.

I trust that this submission will add support to the Senate Voters' Choice (Preference Allocation) Bill 2004.

I would welcome any further correspondence on this matter as you see fit.

Regards,

J Craig McKay

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