

Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600.



Inquiry into the provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and other Measures,

I am appalled at the new move in Parliament to revoke the Right to Vote of offenders.

The despoiling of Human Rights of individuals, who have erred, does not punish criminality. The irredeemable criminal, does not care what happens to voting.

This action will only serve to further destroy the self-respect of those who are endeavouring to return to a normal life and resume the life and obligations of respected citizens.

For twenty years, I voluntarily gave of my time, at no cost to the Community, in an effort to rehabilitate prisoners (both male and Females). During this time I found that part of their aspirations was "Returning to normal life, to be counted as citizens and participate in events concerning their country,

Alienating these people, by telling them they are unworthy citizens, will only leave deeper resentment and cause them to loose all respect for the citizenship, we all aspire to keep as an inalienable right.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victoria Potempa".

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