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The Research Director
Finance & Administration Committee

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing to commend the concept of 4-year fixed terms for Parliamentary elections.

However, I urge you to reject the second Saturday in March as the set date. The weather would be an issue in any part of the state and in some places it is the height of the Wet Season, often involving major flooding.

I draw your attention to the last Queensland election which was held on the first weekend of the school year when a voter taking shelter in a park was killed by lightning. In 1990 the Federal election was held in the Wet Season and many people in Ingham and elsewhere were unable to vote on the day.

I suggest May as the best month, possibly the third Saturday, when May Day celebrations and Mothers' Day are over.

Thanking you,
Sincerely,
Morelle Amwend.