

Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025

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These proposals are an attack on democracy. The idea of limiting voting rights of any population is an offensive affront to democratic process and creates an environment ripe for corruption. A government that withholds voting rights of prisoners has a vested interest in imprisoning political opponents or demographics that statistically vote against them. Given the disproportionate representation of first nations people in prisons due to systematic racism, it's hard to see this as anything other than a doubling down on said systematic racism.

Furthermore, I do not consider our democracy for sale. Allow donations from property investors and other wealthy industries (in a housing crisis no less) is atrocious. I have no interest in shifting towards an autocratic society where politicians are for sale to capitalism any more so than we already are. The greed in this proposal is horrific. People can't afford increasingly high rents and young people (myself included) are priced out of entry into the property market, and the government wants to be in the pockets of the people making their citizens homeless? Is this a joke?

Do better. Have one ounce of care, compassion, humanity, and value for human rights and democratic process. These proposals are nothing short of shameful.