

Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025

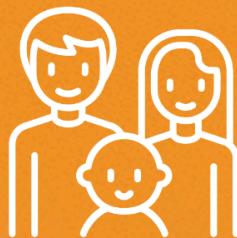
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Restoring Electoral Fairness

Means Freedom and a Voice for the Regions



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FamilyVoice Australia

FamilyVoice Australia is a national conservative Christian organisation, which seeks to be a voice for family, freedom and faith. We are motivated by a desire to see Truth proclaimed, and the good upheld. Our vision is to see strong families at the heart of a healthy society: where marriage is honoured, human life is cherished, families flourish, Australia's Christian heritage is valued, and fundamental freedoms are enjoyed.

People need good laws to promote their flourishing. FamilyVoice Australia believes that for laws to be good, they must be based upon Biblical principles. GOD through HIS perfect Word, has given us the guidelines for civil society and inter-personal relationships.

Micah 6:8 - He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

GOD created humans to flourish, to enjoy life and cooperate together. Unfortunately due to the sinful nature of humans, our hearts are wicked and evil, we seek to do evil to one another.

The Bible tells us;

Romans 3:10 : As it is written, "There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Romans 3:23 : "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;"

Human-kind is thus in rebellion to a Perfect, Just and Pure GOD! This rebellion carries a death sentence, we understand this as Hell.

Romans 6:23a : "For the wages of sin is death;"
We ALL owe this wage of spiritual death.

Realize That God Loves You!

Romans 5:8 : "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

When Jesus died on the cross, He paid sin's penalty.

Salvation Is A Free Gift From God To You!

Romans 6:23b : "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

You can't earn this gift. You must ask and receive it.

You Must Ask God To Forgive You And Save You.

Romans 10:9-10 : "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Like Any Gift It Must Be Received or It Is Not Yours!

Romans 10:13 : "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The ABC's Of Salvation:

- 1. ADMIT to God that you are a sinner.**
- 2. BELIEVE in Jesus Christ as God's Son.**
- 3. CONFESS your faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour & Lord.**

Restoring Electoral Fairness - Means Freedom and a Voice for the Regions

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission on the Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025.

The Bill's overarching objectives are laudable, seeking to improve and restore fairness and equality in Queensland's electoral system. Our current political climate is seeing ever increasing public scepticism and distrust. Queensland must seek to have confidence restored in our electoral matters. Various changes within the Bill aim at leveling the playing field in elections. These steps are positive, but they address only part of the broader fairness equation.

In an effort to be clear and concise this submission would like to outline three essential reforms that must accompany the Bill's provisions to genuinely restore electoral fairness in Queensland.

- 1) Queensland should re-establish an Upper House to give regional Queensland a fairer voice
- 2) Introduced citizen-initiated referenda (or citizen-led legislative initiatives) to empower the people over entrenched political interests.
- 3) Make voting voluntary to restore personal choice and align our elections with core democratic freedoms.

Each of these reforms we believe will truly restore electoral fairness for all Queenslanders. We urge the Committee to consider these reforms as essential complements to the Bill in order to fully realise the objective of restoring fairness.

Background Resources

Institute of Public Affairs – *A Voice for the Regions: Proposals for a Restored Upper House in Queensland* (2020)

James Paterson – “Voluntary Voting” in *IPA Review* (April 2015)

FamilyVoice Australia - Supports true Electoral Fairness