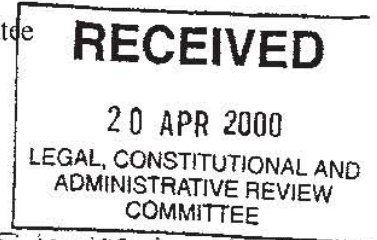


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Dear Miss Newton

**SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED FOUR YEAR PARLIAMENTARY TERMS**

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Spec 28-1

The essence of limiting Parliamentary Terms to a maximum is to give the People the opportunity to **dismiss a Government they do not want**, without having to go to a revolution.

People have not designed Parliamentary Terms in order to give Politicians the time to demonstrate their "statesmanlike characteristics", or for politicians to "provide good Government". These are expected, or the Government is rejected.

**Power is the name of the game** in Politics and all Politicians want the longest undisturbed run of power they can get. The People know this and they also know that "All power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely", therefore the People have insisted on limited maximum Parliamentary Terms.

If a Government is Governing properly then it need have no fear of being dismissed by the People. **A good government will be returned** and have plenty of time to reveal its "statesmanlike qualities" and "enlightened policies".

Only the power grabbing Politicians argue that three year terms of Parliament are too short, and are a hindrance to them bringing the full flower of their "enlightened" policies to bear on the People. These myrmidons of misery say they have to spend their first year in Power (Government!), "settling in", then spend the next year governing, and spend the third year electioneering for the next election!

This clearly demonstrates the **reversed priorities** power grabbing Politicians have from the priorities of the People. It shows that they place their Government and its survival above the priorities of the People. It was Labor that removed our Upper House! and now it wants to extend its Terms! and remove the Governor's Reserve Power to sack it for three years!

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**Three years is ample time for the People to have to put up with a bad Government. Limited terms are instituted so that the People can get rid of bad governments, not preserve them or tolerate them for an extra year.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenister Sheil.".