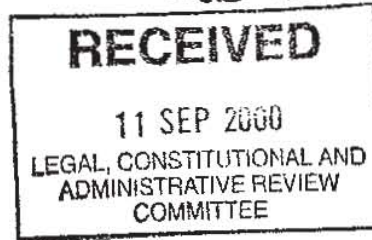


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LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,

There are so many problems with the electoral system in Australia that it is hard to find where to start.

The farce that happened in the Mundingbutra by-election.

The fact that 11 people were elected in the Queensland as One Nation Party, and then just prior to the Federal election just weeks later, the electoral system was changed to make certain that would never happen again.

The fact that the Electoral Commissioner and all the returning officers are implicated in the illegal system that continues to thrive in Australian elections.

The fact that when counting votes, the decision that the winner will be one of the two party preferred system. That is worked out weeks prior to the election, and instructions on how to count votes in favor of the two major parties, is done in some backroom deal and mailed to all polling booths before the election.

Along with the parties being investigated, the whole electoral system needs to be investigated. Any independent candidate must achieve 50%+ to win their seat, yet Howard has won the right to form government with 37% of the vote, and whatsmore says he has a mandate!!

The fact that we are not legally able to vote for the candidate of our choice. We are compelled to vote for candidates that we may consider unworthy.

The fact that the corruption investigation is being carried out by politicians if offensive to the voters. When did the system ever ask for some of the general public to be appointed to the investigating committee.

The fact that the politically appointed CJC staff has even been interested in the corruption is impressive to me. The results of that interest may be fairly predictable.

As a result of my concerns listed above, I can only consider that the whole exercise in some way of keeping government workers employed and pulling their wages coming in.

Harry Sutton