

PUBLIC SUGGESTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
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To the committee,

I am greatly concerned that the proposed redistribution of Federal Lower House seats will not address all the problems which currently exist in the Federal Parliamentary system.

We currently have 150 lower house seats, which, as is obvious, is an even number, and could at any time, produce a hung parliament.

As I see it, if we increase the Queensland seats from 28 to 29 we will have a total of 151 seats in the lower house - and the hung parliament prospect disappears.

Alternatively, the number of seats could be reduced to 149 - again with the same result of an odd number of seats.

I acknowledge that we have had this problem

since 1984 but this proposed redistribution presents ~~us~~ us with an ideal opportunity to return to an odd number of M.P.s. thus preventing any occurrence of a hung parliament.

Our forefathers knew this and that's the reason they chose an odd number in the first place. From 1901 to 1984 we've had an odd number of M.P.'s and from 1984 to date we've had an even number. At the Federal election of 1961, because of an odd number of seats we avoided a hung parliament - 63 seats v 62 seats.

As already stated, since 1984 we have allowed the opportunity for a hung parliament - no legislation can be passed, the G.C. can not call on anyone to form a government and a fresh election would be required. The people would be most annoyed with the expense and the inconvenience of a new election; and all because of a problem which was not addressed by the appropriate authority in the first place.

I believe it now becomes incumbent on your committee ~~to~~ to include this matter in your deliberations. Would you kindly give this some thought.

In conclusion may I say you can
contact me on 0403.672.157 should you
require more information.

Also, due to a problem with my right arm
I am unable to write and have had a
friend write this for me.

Yours faithfully

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