

Compulsory Voting:

Australia should remove the requirement of compulsory voting for local, state and federal elections, because it is not democratic.

As an example, if a voter wanted to vote for a political party that would remove the requirement of paying tax, and out of the 5 political parties running for election none of them had a policy of removing payment of tax, the voter will be forced to vote for a political party that the voter doesn't even want in government because none of the political parties are going to remove tax which is what the voter wanted.

Another example could be if a voter wanted to vote for a political party that would stop building any new power plants that cause pollution, and out of the 5 political parties running for election, none of the parties had a policy of stopping construction of power plants that cause pollution, the voter will be forced to vote for the political party they don't want to vote for.

This is not democratic. If voters don't want to vote for any of the candidates because they don't like their policies, they shouldn't be forced to vote.

Other western countries like USA, UK, etc, do not make it compulsory to vote or to enroll to vote because of these reasons.

So voting and enrolling to vote in Australia should be voluntary. There should be no penalty for not voting or enrolling to vote.

Voting Age:

The voting age should not be lowered. Instead it should be removed all together. There should be no age limit to vote in local, state and federal elections. If voting was made voluntary then it wouldn't matter if anyone of any age didn't vote because they won't be penalized for it.

Having a minimum voting age limit is like saying "if you want to have free speech you have to be 20 years old" and "if you want the right to protest you have to be 35 years old".

People can have freedom of speech and the right to protest at any age, so people should be allowed to vote at any age. If people don't know who to vote for, then don't vote.

Internet Voting:

A secure internet voting system should be setup. People could enroll to vote in person by showing their ID and proof of address, then after they enroll they will be emailed a username and password that they use to vote over the internet on election day.

Media coverage before the election:

There should be no media blackouts before the election. The media should be 100% free to cover whatever they want about the election even on election day.

Electoral education in schools:

Electoral education should not be mandatory in schools because not everyone is interested in elections/government and lots of kids would be bored if it was mandatory so it may drive kids away from politics. There would be nothing wrong with it being voluntary so those that want to learn about politics can learn it, and those that don't want to learn about politics won't have to.

Electoral advertisements:

Electoral advertisements should not need to be authorised. If any person wants to put up an advertisement about a candidate etc, they should be allowed to

because that is freedom of speech. As long as the advertisement is not defamation or a lie, it should be allowed.