



SUBMISSION ON SECOND ELECTORAL REFORM GREEN PAPER

I am pleased to provide this response to the second Green Paper on electoral reform on behalf of the Liberal Party of Australia.

The Liberal Party welcomes the current discussion on electoral reform and the publication of the Green Paper.

As we indicated in our response to the first Green Paper in February this year, "The Liberal Party is open to sensible discussions about reform...At the same time, we have made it clear that any reform needs to be fair to all parties... We would be strongly opposed to proposals for change that gave advantages to one side of politics and set out to disadvantage another side."

Accordingly, the Liberal Party is open to considering any proposals for comprehensive electoral reform put forward by the Government. In considering any proposal the Liberal Party will be assessing whether, taken together, the proposals are fair and reasonable to all parties, allow the parties to campaign strongly and do not disadvantage any one party over another.

We will accordingly examine closely whatever specific proposals the Government puts forward arising from the second Green Paper, and are open to sensible discussion about proposals for change.

We look forward to constructive discussions with the Government about the possible shape of legislation arising from this Green Paper.

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