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VOTING AGE

Madam,

I wish to offer a formal submission to your discussions about any changes to the voting age.

This is a slightly amended version to the one I submitted by e-mail, but the gist is the same.

“After spending half my working life in responsible positions at sea, I became a high school teacher, both in Britain and Australia.

During my long career as a school teacher I taught almost the whole range from primary to university entrance level, to students ranging from near moronic to near genius levels.

I also spent some time on the CSE examination committee for SW England.

It is my serious, considered, view that the voting age should NOT be reduced.

During their school years, the young should be concentrating on their education and future careers, rather than being distracted by politics.

I must confess that raising the voting age back to 21 would allow them to acquire more knowledge and experience before casting a vote, but do not see that happening”.

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