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Dear Electoral Matters Committee,

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Thanks for your invitation to submit to your enquiry,

I ran as an Independent in the upper House for Southern Metro in 2014.

Here are my recommendations

➤Allow independents /Groups names to be printed **above** the Line **next** to their voting **Box,** Just like the other Parties. This is a Must! (See my attachment on this email)

This will make it a level playing field, which is fairer for the Voters, Independents and also the Major parties themselves, so there is no confusion.

In the last election my group Box R drew next to David Davis the Liberal Party. No one knows what or Box A, B or C is without a name next to it? At the Draw David Davis and myself protested this? I asked the VEC manager about it and he replied…speak to your parliamentary representatives, who were standing next to me?

➤Draw the Ballot manually NOT electronically.

➤Allow more lead-time from the Draw to the first day of pre- polling so there is sufficient time to design and print How to vote cards.

➤Allow much more then 24-48 hours for preference negotiations.

➤Have the Deadline for registration to run much earlier say at least a month before the election.

➤I comfortably got my 50 legitimate signatures to register. However I was quite surprised initially when my girlfriend, Community colleagues, family members, my neighbors and close friends names were rejected at the last minute, when they were clearly qualified registered voters who lived at their correct addresses. I question this VEC process? Everyone as the right to run, I don't think its necessary for independents to have to do this.

➤Mandatory full disclosure of all Political Donations!

I have spoken to the community and they think as politicians you should already know all of this anyway. I look forward in seeing you all fight for Democracy and implementing my recommendations.

I you have any questions feel free to contact me, Best of Luck!

Regards

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