

Hello,

I would like to add a further submission to my previous submission (4 May).

Regarding the Whole of State Option, I believe candidates need to have a high degree of community support before they are entitled to be listed on the ballot paper. This is a reasonable requirement and would reduce the size and complexity of the ballot paper, leading to a more democratic and representative outcome.

There are several ways that this can be achieved;

1. Only candidates representing a genuine political party would be considered. These political parties must have over 500 genuine members. Currently the Electoral Commission has a role in assessing political parties, so this requirement is not unusual.
2. Candidates must be selected only by a vote of all members of their political party. This can be conducted by the Electoral Commission, or audited before the ballot paper is printed.
3. No public funding would be available to political parties who receive less than 3% of the vote.

Additionally, I believe the Expert Panel should consider reforms to the rules for campaign spending and donations. All donations must be transparent, ie details of a donation must be available to the public in real time, preferably by an online process. A cap on campaign spending should be set for each electorate.

Thank you,

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