

**Submission
No 38**

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2023 NSW STATE ELECTION AND OTHER
MATTERS**

Name: Mr Alexander Roberts

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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

I understand that the NSW Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters is currently conducting an inquiry into the administration of the 2023 NSW State Election. I wish to submit my desire to the committee that it seriously consider replacing the current Optional-Preferential voting system with Compulsory-Preferential voting, in order to bring NSW in line with Queensland, Victoria and the Commonwealth's electoral systems.

I believe this change is fundamentally important as it is not only more democratic (at a time when democratic institutions across the world are increasingly coming under threat), but it will bring NSW's State voting system into the 21st Century, aligning it with all other major jurisdictions in Australia.

I understand in order to accomplish this, changes would need to be made to the Constitution Act 1902 and this can only be done via a Referendum. I therefore wish to also suggest to the Committee that a Referendum on the issue be held in conjunction with the next State Election in 2027.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Kind Regards,

Alexander Roberts