Electoral structure review - Casey City Council - Response Submission Glenn Percy - Narre Warren South - 11 November 2023, 12:12 pm

Thank you for allowing my submission for voting in Casey.

My submission is purely, to hopefully address the problem of 'Donkey Voting'.

Rather than the traditional list of candidates running down the voting form, a different approach should be considered. Currently, the candidate who luckily finds him/her self on the top of the form, is most likely to receive a preference as number "1".

However, if the voting form is ROUND, then the candidates will have no particular advantage, as the form can be held in an almost infinite number of ways. ie anywhere on the circle. A 'donkey' vote can still occur of course, but the candidate given preference "1" is purely random, depending on how the voter holds the voting form.

Attached is a mock-up of how a round form might look. The example shown is for 8 candidates but the idea is not limited to 8.

As you can see, the internal circle has all of the candidates names etc shown. In my example only one is shown. Any number is reasonably possibly.

The outer ring produces a box for each candidate, for the voter to fill in the numbers, in this case, "1" to "8".

Thank you

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