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### VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A 'RIGHT'



Election season, regardless of the participants or the final results, is a time when individuals who typically don't care much about politics in Canberra, let alone their own jurisdiction, suddenly take an interest. It's often a period when some parents feel it is acceptable to influence their children's opinions to vote for the same party as they do (as if we didn't already face enough issues with the university system indoctrinating students as if it's a trend) and this list could continue indefinitely.

Instead, I want to focus your attention on the fact that election time is when your Government and Parliament grant you one of the most sacred freedoms: the opportunity to shape democracy according to your preferences. Let me express this very clearly, speak slowly, and avoid using any unnecessary complex words: VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE!

If you doubt my firm conviction in this belief, I encourage you to consider the experiences of those living under a dictator or another totalitarian regime and then tell me otherwise.

Australia, which was once referred to as the 'lucky country,' is among the most fortunate liberal democracies in the world. We have a Government that WE elect. Our political system, the Westminster system, is one of the finest globally. We hold democratic elections every three years at the Federal level and have rigid four-year terms in every State.

Now, unless your abilities are impaired in some way, you would know that I am a proud member of the Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division). To me, being a Liberal signifies one overwhelming belief: FREEDOM (and all that entails). My very best wishes to all contesting seats. Best person for the win!

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