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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 6 March 2013 regarding petition 2041-13 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 5 March 2013.

The petition draws to the attention of the House the possibility that removing compulsory voting in Queensland will lead to political parties and candidates spending significant money on providing incentives to voters to vote for them in State elections and requests the House to retain the compulsory voting system currently in place in Queensland.

To ensure Queensland's electoral system meets high standards of integrity and accountability, with fair and effective electoral laws that promote participation in our democracy, the Government is carrying out a review of the *Electoral Act 1992*.

Compulsory voting for State elections is an important issue which is why it has been raised for public debate as part of that review.

Any improvements and changes made to Queensland's electoral system will be informed by community and stakeholder feedback.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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