



The Hon Bob McMullan MP
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Dear Mr McMullan

I write on behalf of Civil Liberties Australia to again raise with you the proposal that you, in concert with other elected representatives of the ACT, initiate one or more private members bills to correct some basic injustices being suffered by your constituents.

There are two matters which demand correction. They are:

1. Currently, the decisions of the elected ACT Legislative Assembly can be overturned by Executive Order alone. Thus, without even the Federal Parliament's approval, a decision of the democratically elected ACT Parliament can be reversed. And has been. This is unacceptable. The solution could be as simple as an amendment to the Self Government Act to remove this anomaly.

You will recall that CLA first raised this issue with you in 2008. We know from personal conversations that you all individually support the changes we propose. It is time you collectively show some courage to act in the interests of your constituents and stand up for our rights.

2. Secondly, there is a gross disproportion in representation between the ACT and NT and States in the number of voters to elect a Member of the House. The vote of a Canberran is worth half that of a voter in NT and about two thirds of that of a voter in NSW. Each MHR represents only 60,000 electors in the NT; each MHR represents 120,000 electors in the ACT.

On the basic measure and entitlement of citizens of one vote, one value, your constituents are being denied equal representation.

On these two fundamental issues, it is time for you, as our representatives, to walk the walk instead of merely talking the talk. I look forward to a positive individual response from you and some firm plan of collective action by you as a group.

Yours sincerely

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Also sent to:
Ms Annette Ellis, Senator Gary Humphries and Senator Kate Lundy

