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To the Rt. Hon. John Curtin A.P.,
Prime Minister, CANBERRA. N.C.T.

Dear Mr. Curtin,

More than fifty supporters of Proportional Representation from various organisations, at a Conference held in the Melbourne Town Hall yesterday, unanimously carried the following resolution.

"That the Federal Government be requested to appoint a Commission of Inquiry or a Select Committee to take evidence in all the States and submit a report with a view to improving our electoral system, with special reference to the principles of Proportional Representation".

As voting is so important it is necessary for the Senate and House of Representatives to be elected on a basis which reflects accurately the will of the people. At present in the Senate nearly half the people are denied representation through our faulty electoral system. For the Representatives the same virtual disfranchisement of nearly half the voters occurs in seventyfour single member constituencies.

The Tasmanian system of Proportional Representation would remove these defects.

Yours Sincerely,