

From: Sam McQuestin
Sent: Monday, 4 February 2019 4:41 PM
To: Have Your Say (DoJ) <HaveYourSay@justice.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Submission on behalf of the Liberal Party of Asutralia (Tasmanian Division)

To whom it may concern

Consistent with our initial submission on this matter the Liberal Party does not believe that the removal of section 198 (1) b (ii) alone serves the guiding principles of protection of free speech.

Instead the Liberal Party believes that Section 198 1 (b) in its entirety should be removed from the act to enable reporting and any candidate or political party to advertise on election day, consistent with Federal elections.

Further it is the Liberal Party's view that to allow editorial comment while not allowing candidates or political parties to advertise on a polling day undermines the maintenance of a level playing field.

For your information below is the relevant section of the Liberal Party's original submission;

Section 198 (1) (b)

This section of the Tasmanian Electoral Act is entirely inconsistent with the guiding principle of this review and has an adverse impact on free speech in our democratic State.

This section of the Act seeks to stop one part of the media from participating in the coverage of an election on polling day while allowing more modern media to participate in an unrestricted way.

This is a clear example of the Act not keeping pace with technology, social media and community expectations.

It is the Liberal Party's view that this section of the Act is outdated and should be removed.

Regards,

Sam McQuestin
State Director
Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmanian Division)
Suite 4C, Level 3, 33 Salamanca Place, Hobart TAS 7000
GPO Box 469 Hobart TAS 7001

www.tas.liberal.org.au

