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Commonwealth of AustraliaSim

THE SENATE

*As read a third time*

**Commonwealth Electoral Amendment  
(Refinement) Bill 2017**

**No.     , 2017**

*(Senator PineappleCrusher\_)*

**A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to  
parliamentary elections, and for related purposes**



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1     **A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to**  
2     **parliamentary elections, and for related purposes**

3     The Parliament of AustraliaSim enacts:

4     **1 Short title**

5                     This Act is the *Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Refinement)*  
6                     *Act 2017*.

7     **2 Commencement**

8                     (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table  
9                     commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with  
10                    column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect  
11                    according to its terms.  
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1 **Schedule 1—Repeal of the Commonwealth**  
2 **Electoral Act 2017**

3 *Commonwealth Electoral Act 2017*

4 **1 The whole of the Act**

5 Repeal the Act.

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## Schedule 2—Amendments

### *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*

#### **1 Subsection 4(1)**

Insert:

*alt account* means an alternate Reddit account used by a person in addition to one which is already used in /r/AustraliaSim.

#### **2 Subsection 4(1)**

Insert:

*Moderator* is the title of a person who is part of the moderation team, which administrates the subreddit with supreme meta authority.

#### **3 Subsection 4(1)**

Insert:

*Spreadsheet* means the Master Spreadsheet of /r/AustraliaSim.

#### **4 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Subdivision*)**

Repeal the definition.

#### **5 Subsection 81(1)**

Omit “each State and Territory”, substitute “the whole of Australia”.

#### **6 Subsections 82(2) (3) and (4)**

Repeal the subsections.

#### **7 Subsection 85(1)**

Omit “Subdivision, Division, State or Territory”, substitute “Division”.

#### **8 Subsection 85(2)**

Repeal the subsection.

#### **9 Paragraph 86(1)(a)**

Repeal the paragraph.



1 **10 Paragraph 86(1)(b)**

2 Omit “or a new Subdivision”.

3 **11 Paragraph 86(1)(c)**

4 Omit “or of an existing Subdivision”.

5 **12 Subsection 86(1)**

6 Omit:

7 new Rolls shall be prepared in respect of each Division or  
8 Subdivision created or otherwise affected by reason of the  
9 circumstance referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) by making  
10 any necessary transfer of electors between Rolls for existing  
11 Divisions or Subdivisions or between Rolls for existing  
12 Divisions or Subdivisions and Rolls for new Divisions or  
13 Subdivisions.

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15 Substitute:

16 new Rolls shall be prepared in respect of each Division created  
17 or otherwise affected by reason of the circumstance referred to  
18 in paragraph (b) or (c) by making any necessary transfer of  
19 electors between Rolls for existing Divisions or between Rolls  
20 for existing Division and Rolls for new Divisions.

21 **13 Section 87**

22 Omit “Subdivision”, substitute “Division”.

23 **14 Subsection 90A(1)**

24 Omit:

25 A copy of the Roll for a Division is to be available, at any time  
26 during ordinary office hours, for public inspection  
27 without fee at:

28 substitute:

29 A copy of the Roll for a Division is to be available, at any time,  
30 for public inspection without fee on

1 **15 Paragraphs 90A(1)(a) (b) and (c)**

2 Repeal the paragraphs.

3 **16 Subsection 90A(1)**

4 After “on”, insert “the Master Spreadsheet or any other platform the  
5 Electoral Commission determines”.

6 **17 Paragraph 93(1)(a)**

7 Repeal the paragraph.

8 **18 Subparagraphs 93(1)(b)(i) and (ii)**

9 Repeal the subparagraphs, substitute:

10 (i) citizens of AustraliaSim; and

11 (ii) not an alt account;

12 **19 Subsection 93(2)**

13 Omit “for the State that includes that Division”.

14 **20 Paragraph 93(3)(b)**

15 Repeal the paragraph, substitute “is not eligible in accordance with  
16 paragraph 93(1)(b) of this Act;”.

17 **21 Subsection 93(4)**

18 Repeal the subsection.

19 **22 Paragraph 93(8)(b)**

20 After “pardoned;”, insert “or”.

21 **23 Subsection 93(8)**

22 After paragraph (b), insert:

23 (c) has been stripped of their voting rights in accordance with  
24 the *Code of Conduct Act 2017*;

25 **24 Paragraphs 98AA(2)(a) (b) and (d)**

26 Repeal the paragraphs.

27 **25 Subsection 98(1)**

28 Omit “or claims for age 16 enrolment”.

1 **26 Subsection 98(3)**

2 Omit “or for age 16 enrolment”.

3 **27 Section 100**

4 Repeal the section.

5 **28 Subparagraph 123(1)(a)(ii)**

6 Omit “500 members; and”, substitute “4 members.”

7 **29 Paragraph 123(1)(b)**

8 Repeal the paragraph.

9 **30 Paragraph 132(1)(c)**

10 Omit “:”, substitute “on any platform deemed appropriate by the  
11 Commission.”.

12 **31 Subparagraphs 132(1)(c)(i) and (ii)**

13 Repeal the subparagraphs.

14 **32 Paragraph 132(1)(d)**

15 Repeal the paragraph.

16 **33 Subsection 141(5)**

17 Omit “Administrative Appeals Tribunal”, substitute “High Court of  
18 AustraliaSim”.

19 **34 Subsections 141(6) (6A) (8) (9) and (10)**

20 Repeal the subsections.

21 **35 Section 151**

22 Repeal the section.

23 **36 Subsection 152(1)**

24 Omit “for States, Senators for Territories” and “the Governor of a  
25 State”.

26 **37 Subsection 153(1)**

27 Omit “for the State or Territory for which the election is to be held”.

1 **38 Subsection 153(2)**

2 Omit “for a State or Territory”.

3 **39 Paragraph 153(2)(b)**

4 Repeal the paragraph, substitute “advertise receipt of, and particulars of,  
5 the writ in any appropriate platform deemed necessary by the Electoral  
6 Commission.”.

7 **40 Paragraphs 153(c) and (d)**

8 Repeal the paragraphs.

9 **41 Paragraph 154(4)(b)**

10 Repeal the paragraph, substitute “advertise receipt of, and particulars of,  
11 the writ in any appropriate platform deemed necessary by the Electoral  
12 Commission.”.

13 **42 Section 155**

14 Omit “is the seventh day after the date of the writ”, substitute “shall be  
15 three days before the fixed date of election on the writ”.

16 **43 Section 156**

17 Repeal the section, substitute “The date fixed for the nomination of  
18 candidates shall be two days before the fixed date of election on the  
19 writ.”.

20 **44 Section 157**

21 Omit “23 days nor more than 31 days after the date of nomination”,  
22 substitute “5 days nor more than 10 days after the issuing of the writs”.

23 **45 Section 159**

24 Omit “100 days”, substitute “5 days”.

25 **46 Section 161**

26 Repeal the section.

27 **47 Subsection 163(1)**

28 Repeal the subsection, substitute “A person who is an AustraliaSim  
29 citizen and is enrolled on the electoral roll is qualified to be elected as a  
30 Senator or a member of the House of Representatives.”.

1 **48 Part XV**

2 Repeal the Part.

3 **49 Subsection 209(5)**

4 Repeal the subsection.

5 **50 Paragraph 209(6)(a)**

6 Repeal the paragraph.

7 **51 Paragraph 220(b)**

8 Repeal the paragraph, substitute “Polls shall open at 6:00pm, and shall  
9 not close until twenty-four hours have passed.”

10 **52 Paragraph 220(c)**

11 Repeal the paragraph.

12 **53 Subsection 221(1)**

13 Omit “for the election of Senators for the State or Territory for which he  
14 or she in enrolled”, substitute “once”.

15 **54 Subsection 222(1)**

16 Repeal the subsection, substitute “On polling day an elector is entitled  
17 to vote electronically on the platform designated by the Electoral  
18 Commission.”.

19 **55 Subsection 222(1A)**

20 Repeal the subsection.

21 **56 Paragraph 283(1)(a)**

22 Omit “for the State or Territory concerned”.

23 **57 Subparagraph 283(1)(c)(i)**

24 Repeal the subparagraph.

25 **58 Subparagraph 283(1)(c)(ii)**

26 Omit “if it was not issued in respect of a State”.

1 **59 Subsection 284(1)**

2 Omit “for the State or Territory concerned”.

3 **60 Subsection 284(2)**

4 Repeal the subsection.