

FIRSTLY,

A minor party
Can win seats
if enough people
vote for them.
Since you lose
nothing by voting
"1" for whomever
you like most,
why wouldn't



SECONDLY,

this might happen:

Looks like I won because of preferences from "Nice Party" voters... I should try to appeal to them by adopting some Nice policies.



THIRDLY,

if a candidate gets at least 4% of first preferences ("1" votes), they'll receive election funding for each of those votes*, which will help their next campaign!



ANY MORE QUESTIONS, KEN THE VOTING DINGO?





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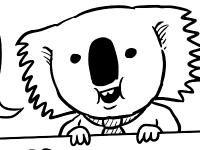


Your vote really matters.
Vote thoughtfully!

This is AUSTRALIA, not America.

YOU CAN'T "WASTE YOUR VOTE"!

Hello Australia. It's me, your good friend Dennis the Election Koala. It's that time again, so let's meet the candidates hoping to represent your electorate in the Federal Parliament...



-MAJOR PARTIES -



BEREMY SPITWHISTLE Total Scumbags Party

- POLICIES -
- · Kick puppies
- · Beat the poor



PLOM McGIBLETS Partial Scumbags Party

- -POLICIES-
- · Put puppies to work!
- · Chastise the poor

-MINOR PARTIES-



WAKKUN Nice Party

- -POLICIES-
- · Hugs
- · A cup of tea
- · Smash the state

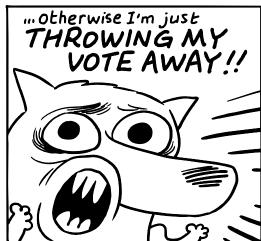


GRUNTWARD
PLRFBBPTHPT
Australia Australia
Australia Party
- POLICIES-

- · Puppy fights on TV
- · Constipation for all

Aw gee, Dennis, aw heck! I want to vote for the Nice Party, but I know they won't win, so I quess I'd better vote for the Partial Scumbags...





WRONG, KEN THE VOTING DINGO!



BEREMY SPITWHISTLE Total Scumbags PLOM McGIBLETS

Partial Scumbags

WAKKUN Nice

GRUNTWARD P. Australia Australia Australia

In Australia, we have PREFERENTIAL VOTING.

You can vote for the Partial Scumbags to beat the Total Scumbags, and still "VOTE 1" for a minor party!

HOH; WHUH>> I don't understand!



PREFERENTIAL VOTING EXPLAINED

To win a seat, a candidate must end up with an ABSOLUTE MAJORITY- that is, over 50% of the total votes. Let's say your electorate has 100 voters: 51 votes are needed to win.











BEREMY

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WAKKUN

GRUNTWARD

Lst count:

20

First the "1" votes are counted. But look - no-one has 51 votes or more! So the loser, Gruntward, is eliminated. But the six people who voted "1" for Gruntward now have their "2" votes (second preferences) counted and transferred to those candidates.









BEREMY

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2nd count:

40



Still no-one has an absolute majority of 51 or more. So Wakkun is eliminated, and his votes transferred according to the next preferences.











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3rd count:







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