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You might be surprised which side wins

Ontario Electoral Reform Referendum October 2007



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We Need a Fair Referendum Process for Electoral Reform

In September 2006, the Ontario Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform will begin their consideration of whether Ontario needs a new voting system. If they recommend a new system, Ontarians will decide on their recommendation in an historic referendum, most likely to be held in conjunction with the provincial election on October 4, 2007.

Does this mean Ontario's political leaders will "let the people decide", as promised?

The Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition have not yet committed to accepting a majority decision by Ontario voters. In similar referendums in BC and PEI, the premiers and party leaders tossed aside the principle of majority rule. They said electoral reform wouldn't happen unless 60% voted Yes and other regional support criteria were surpassed. The government of New Brunswick recently announced an electoral reform referendum and added a voter turnout requirement for passage, in addition to majority support.

What happens when politicians add these criteria? It means a minority can veto democratic reform for everyone. It means a democratic reform that may well be more popular than the party forming the government can still be ignored.

Call your MPP today. Tell your MPP to let the people speak. Honour the majority decision in the Ontario electoral reform referendum, whichever way it may go. Don't raise the bar when citizens make a decision rather than politicians.

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