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Dear Assistant Commissioner,

I am writing to formally object to the application for the registration of the political party 'Australia's Voice' under the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

My objection is based on the following grounds:

1. **Eligibility:** Section 123 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act requires that a non-parliamentary political party must have at least 1,500 members who are eligible voters. I request the AEC to verify that 'Australia's Voice' has complied with this requirement and has provided accurate and complete membership details. If the required number of members is not met, the application should be rejected under this provision.

2. Non-Compliance with Procedural Requirements: Section 126 of the Act stipulates that an application must include specific details, such as a complete constitution, list of members, and accurate signatures. I request the AEC to ensure that all of these procedural requirements have been met properly and that no discrepancies exist in the documents submitted by 'Australia's Voice.' Any failure in compliance should serve as grounds for rejecting the application.

3. **Prohibited Name:** Under section 129 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, the name of a political party must not mislead voters or cause confusion by being similar to the name of another registered party. I believe that the name 'Australia's Voice' may lead to confusion, particularly given its similarity to terms widely used in current public discourse, which may mislead voters. I request the AEC to carefully consider whether the party's name contravenes this section of the Act.

I trust that the AEC will thoroughly review this application for compliance with all relevant sections of the Electoral Act and act in the interest of protecting the integrity of the political process.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian