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Hello dear Special Committee Members,

I got this flyer about <https://www.howyukonvotes.ca/>. I find the info presented is rather poor, or perhaps it's just designed to lead back to first-past-the-post? I mean mixed member proportional representation without having 2 votes - one for the person and one for the party - is inadequate at best, and willful misrepresentation at worst - the flyer even calls it a first-past-the-post-style vote! The graphics used are also extremely misleading. I would imagine the committee sees the communications sent on its behalf? In my way of thinking the two vote system for MMP should be presented accurately and as a true alternative. The person and the party are not identical in MMP systems - unlike Yukon's current way of electing and forming government - and voters have to be able to vote for each separately. Also, how we vote is only half the equation. There finally needs to be a conversation about how government is formed and how different electoral systems work better with different ways of forming government. E.g. any proportional voting method in a multi-party system will more likely than not require some mature political behaviours not merely predicated on obtaining power - this is a significant shift in the mind sets of parties (and it makes the current arrangement between Liberal and NDP to secure a stable government, even if only for half a mandate - a hopeful start). Ultimately, the negotiation of coalition governments to achieve stable, cooperative governments that work for the greater good more often than not, will be needed in a proportional system. And it needs a % hurdle to get over for the party vote - they still get any direct mandate in well-designed MMP systems! - or else many new tiny parties that invariably spring up can completely destabilize the legislature and create a non-functional one. Yes, I am drawing heavily on the post-WW2 system of elections and government formation in Germany that was adopted by New Zealand, which apparently Yukon's special committee on electoral reform heard from. It is superior to a multi-party first-past-the-post any day. I would very much welcome an opportunity to speak to the Committee should such an opportunity be available, to share my concerns from a communications stand point as well as the substantive discussions and weighing of options for effective, fair and just electoral reform.

Best regards, Inga Petri