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To the Special Committee on Electoral Reform,

I do not feel I have heard enough activity nor education from the SCER in the Yukon. And I am not surprised that the general public doesn't seem excited to become involved in or comment on what is just another political process. Having this committee linked to all three political parties in the Yukon might have been done for the perception of "balance" but has created a very rigid, impassionate and stalemated process.

I call on this committee to recommend that a Citizens' assembly be created to move electoral reform in the Yukon. As Fair Vote Yukon has written:

**Citizens' assemblies are a representative, inclusive, evidence-based way to put citizens' voices front and centre in complex policy decisions.**

As a proud Yukoner and Canadian, I am very excited about what electoral reform could do for both my territory and my country. We need to get beyond petty party politics and explore a greater wealth of ideas and solutions that are not available in a first past the post system. We are constantly asked to choose one colour of answers for all of our problems. But I don't want our territory to be restricted to red, blue or orange possibilities. I think the best, most progressive and creative political solutions come from the kind of consensus and compromise that occurs during minority governments.

I support a Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform and fear that without the creation of one the promise and possibility of ER will be once again sacrificed to political expediency and disinterest.

I support change. I support Fair Vote Yukon's recommendations to your committee without reservations.

Sincerely,  
Michael White