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We the People in Three Easy Steps

Step 1

Browse open petitions to find a petition related to your issue, and add your signature.

Step 2

If your issue is not currently represented by an active petition, start a new petition.

Step 3

If a petition meets the signature threshold, it will be reviewed by the Administration and we will issue a response.

Petitions

Core function of parliament

Third parties mainly use to gain e-mail addresses

US threshold for a response is 100,000 – equal to 1,000 in NZ. UK threshold is 10,000 for Govt and 100,000 for Commons.

US responded to 255 petitions out of 411,000. UK has responded to 25 and House of Commons debated 1

27.7 million signed in US

But two of the biggest were deport Justin Bieber and construct a Death Star

And most popular UK one was right to shoot burglars

CIR Petitions

Should CIR petitions be allowed to be signed online?

A verified e-mail address is more secure than a signature that is not checked against anything

Yes, but higher threshold than 10% to recognise easier to attract signatures – maybe 25%

Verification currently involved the Clerk, the Chief Statistician and the Electoral Commission

Imagine if people can get verified as they sign?

Select Committees

Webcasting a good start

Allow authenticated comments on bills, to be treated as submissions

Provide an editable version of bills for people to mark up their own amendments

Zip file of all submissions on a bill

In fact searchable database of all submissions

Laws

Allow members of public to endorse members' bills

Possibly allow the endorsements to help or guarantee it gets selected

Arguably also allow people to down vote a bill, so this helps worthy yet less controversial bills

Question Times

Jeremy Corbyn has crowd-sourced questions

Perhaps have a feature where one question per fortnight is crowd sourced, and voted on as most popular (subject to standing orders)

Publish applications for urgent debates

Publish intention of ministerial statements

Financial Accountability

NZ Herald asked public to help them go through candidate electoral returns

Opposition parties could do the same with the Budget Estimates

Parties

Heather Roy used to publish a list of bills likely to be voted on in the next week, how ACT will vote on them and why.

Would be great to have all parties do this, and even have it in one place.

Could have tools allowing supporters to indicate how they want them to vote on bills

Voting summaries for parties of how they have voted – how many government and members bill they voted for or against at formal readings

Bad Ideas

A live worm – however a third party could do this regardless

Live Twitter Stream – see Q+A in Australia

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