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Hon. Dr. L Schreiber  
Honourable Minister of Home Affairs  
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Dear Honourable Minister

#### **ELECTORAL REFORM CONSULTATION PANEL: FINAL REPORT SUBMISSION**

The Panel has concluded its mandate. Herewith is the end product. Despite our best efforts to present a unified set of recommendations, we ended up with two reports – the Original Report and Alternative Report. The latter Report emerged a few days prior to the Panel's last meeting to adopt its final report. A group of panel members opted to make changes to chapters previously tabled for adoption, without the knowledge or authorisation of the full Panel, to introduce a revised version of our final report – an Alternative Report.

As these changes were made in an alternative process without the knowledge or approval of the full Panel, members following the original process rejected the adoption of the Alternative Report. Panel members supporting the Alternative Report were presented with the opportunity to return to the original process to discuss chapters previously tabled, but this offer was not taken up. Our efforts to persuade them to withdraw the Alternative version proved fruitless.

While it was not our initial intention, the Electoral Amendment Act of 2023 recognises that a situation may arise in which panel members express divergent views on electoral system options. In the event of any such disagreement regarding the possible options and recommendations for electoral reform, the Act states that "the report may be divided into different sections setting out the different views of the members." Different views on the content and recommendations of the Panel's final report have consequently necessitated the submission of an Original and Alternative Report in terms of the relevant legislation.

The Panel extends its sincere appreciation to you Minister, for your assistance and enthusiasm, and to the Department of Home Affairs for their dedicated support throughout this important undertaking.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R K Sizani', written in a cursive style.

ADV R K SIZANI

CHAIRPERSON: ELECTORAL REFORM CONSULTATION PANEL

DATE: 29 August 2025