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Mr. Marijuana Legalise doesn't exist: AEC ruling white-ants democracy

The Australian Electoral Commission today **refused** to allow **Mr Marijuana Legalise** to nominate for the Senate. Mr Legalise announced that he will **appeal** to the Court of Disputed Returns .

Mr Legalise was refused permission (on appeal) to enrol under his legal name, by **Mr G Halsey of the AEC**. Mr Halsey then refused to allow Mr Legalise to nominate for the Senate. Nor could he enrol under his previous name, effectively disenfranchising Mr Legalise.

Mr Legalise is unable to use any other name - he signed a declaration regarding his new name under the Oaths Act (SA) 1936, which provides a penalty of **four years hard labour for making a false declaration**.

"I'm disgusted - the AEC has denied me my right to stand for Parliament, to fight for a cause I believe in. Isn't that what democracy is supposed to be about? So much for free and fair elections." said Mr Legalise.

Mr Legalise is now preparing his case for the Court of Disputed Returns and will continue to work on The Hemp Campaign.

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