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Make this Campaign the Last under FPTP: de Jong

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In the 2011 election the Yukon Party received 40% of the vote which translated into 58% of the MLAs -- giving them an artificial majority. The Liberals received 24% of the vote which should have delivered five MLAs -- not just two.

“First-Past-The-Post is no longer the best system,” says Green Party leader, Frank de Jong. **“Yukon voters deserve better.”**

The Westminster system works for two parties, where one party automatically receives over 50% of the vote. But with three or more parties, FPTP creates artificial majorities, strategic voting and throw-away votes.

If elected, the Green Party would replace the current system with proportional representation.

“If people knew every vote counted, more people -- especially young people, would participate,” predicts de Jong.

Proportional representation (PR) ensures that each party receives the number of MLAs equal to their percentage of the vote.

PR doesn't change riding sizes. Each elector votes once for their local MLA and once for the party of their choice. The party vote elects "top-up" or "list" MLAs to deliver proportionality.

PR eliminates strategic voting since people vote for who they believe in, not for the lesser of the evils. Every vote will count, thus eliminating throw-away votes.

PR ensures against artificial majorities since no party receives more (or fewer) MLAs than their percentage of the vote.

(Ryan Leef won in the second last federal election in Yukon riding with only 33 per cent of the vote, with two-thirds of Yukoners voting against him.)

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