

Voters should vote for people, not parties

I AGREE with Tony Ball "Making a mockery of democracy" (The Mercury, December 30) that until we get rid of the system that rewards party loyalty we will never have a true democracy.

To do that we would have to change the way elections are conducted.

We need to have a system where the voters are voting for the individual representing a

party and not for the party.

In the current system the candidate is beholden to the party because the party has selected him/her as the candidate, whereas if the voters had voted for the individual he/she would be answerable to the people.

The same goes for the president: the candidates for president should have a public debate and the people should

vote for their candidate for president.

That way the president may even come from a party other than the party with the majority in Parliament.

We will never have true checks and balances in government until the system is changed.

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