

One possible path **Beyond Democracy** –

DEMARCHY¹

Strong participation

Participatory Deliberative rule by people chosen by lot

Groups of people randomly chosen by a lottery from among volunteers interested in particular topics / sectoral issues, to sit on a ‘functional working group’ for a defined term (eg two years), using informed deliberative methods to make collective decisions for the broader society on policy and program questions within the scope of these sectors.

¹ Burnheim, J, 1985, *Is democracy possible?: The alternative to electoral politics*, Univ of California Press.

For a much fuller discussion, see also Brian Martin, Demarchy: A Democratic Alternative to Electoral Politics, *Kick It Over*, No. 30, Fall 1992, pp. 11-13 at <http://www.uow.edu.au/~bmartin/pubs/92kio/index.html> (17/6/2016)