

Vote rort inquiry sought

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Opposition Leader Rob Borbidge has called for a judicial inquiry into electoral rorting that led to Friday's jailing of Labor identity Karen Ehrmann. The Townsville District Court sentenced Ehrmann to nine months jail after she pleaded guilty to forging electoral enrolment forms used to stack ALP branches for pre-selection plebiscites. The court was told of allegations of "endemic" corruption. Chief Judge Patsy Wolfe said Ehrmann had made a concerted and persistent effort to interfere with the electoral system. Mr Borbidge said he could not accept, based on court allegations, that the corruption 'began and ended with one candidate'.

