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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
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The chair LACSC,

I cannot find any reason in the Bill to justify the removal of the production of proof of identity before casting a vote at elections. I'm aware it was an election promise but for what reason? Surely proof of identity strengthens the system by discouraging voter fraud by multiple voting.

It seems to fly in the face of the transparency that the current government has stressed all along.

Surely if we have to produce proof of identity when starting a bank account, boarding an aircraft, setting up an electricity account etc, there is an even stronger reason for proof of identity when casting a vote. If ever there is an opportunity to be fraudulent it is when voting if there is no proof of identity.

I strongly urge you to drop the amendment and stay with the existing requirement to show that the government is fair dinkum about transparency.

Thank you for receiving this letter.

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