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To: <u>Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee</u>

Subject: Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

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Importance: High

The Research Director Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Dear Research Director and LACS Committee,

My brief submission is in reference to the Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 into the Queensland Parliament, introduced by Yvette D'Ath on 27th March 2015.

Please retain the current requirement for voters to provide proof of identity before casting their vote.

The integrity of the entire electoral system is at stake if this bill is made law.

During election times, voter suspicions are always heightened and nothing creates more aggravation and unrest than the prospect of voter fraud.

The community of voters have long accepted the requirement to provide their personal identification in order to vote.

This requirement gives voters a more than reasonable assurance that votes aren't being falsely cast by unscrupulous political parties in order to stack their numbers and illegally win elections. Having to produce personal identification shows that the voter was indeed alive at the time of voting, and that they were who they said they were.

Please respect voters enough by ensuring integrity of the system; do not remove the need for personal identification for voters, thank you.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Karen Mitchell

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