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

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The Attorney general. Honourable Y D'ath.

Ms D'Ath, I would like to comment on the suitability of the proposal to remove the Identity proof for voters in both Local and State Government elections.

I am opposed to the removal of this very sensible measure to ensure honesty and correct voter integrity for all elections under the control of the Queensland Electoral Commission. In this day and age where identity is paramount in everything we do, most persons carry suitable Identification on their persons and should not object when asked for ID.

To require someone to identify themselves when voting is perfectly sensible and not at all unreasonable.

In fact, everyone who has enrolled to vote should automatically be given a voter registration certificate which could be used at voting time.

On the matter of Contributions to Political parties, as far as I am concerned, all donations should be visible to the community regardless of their size. Alternatively, Political parties should not be allowed to receive donations at all. They already get substantial taxpayer contributions. PeterMaher