From: Pamela Condie

To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Subject: Proposed amendments to voting laws

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to voice my strong objection to the proposed changes to be tabled by the new Attorney General.

I particularly oppose the proposed removal of proof of identity requirements for voters at any and all level of government elections. The current requirement provides protection for each honest voter and ensures that only the legitimate, registered voter may vote. This helps in preventing any wrongful voting by an ineligible person and also assists in preventing unscrupulous persons from wrongfully using another's identity to place an illegal vote. I firmly believe that the majority of Queenslanders would NOT be in favour of these proposed changes - and I would suggest that a minority government should not be contemplating making such far reaching changes until such time as that government is able to govern in its own right and can honestly claim to represent the majority of Queenslanders.

I also have concerns about reducing the donation amount from the federal level of \$12K to \$1K. The proposed reduced amount will result in unnecessary time wasting by those responsible for oversight of this and will also have a tendency to "catch" smaller donors.

I respectfully request you to give due consideration to my concerns. A democratic government should be the government of the people, by the people and for the people. Making these changes in no way reflects the will of the majority of Queenslanders and cannot be claimed to do so unless and until such time as the government gains a majority. Only then can it legitimately claim to be representing the will of the majority of Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely,

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