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To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

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Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 proposal to remove the requirement for personal identification erodes accountability and confidence in the electoral process.

There is absolutely no need to remove the requirement for Eligible Voter ID other than to assist and enable electoral fraud by ineligible Voters.

The Electoral Commission provides Voter ID that is posted to the Registered address of eligible Voters.

Virtually every eligible Voter possesses separate qualifying ID.

Section 121 deals appropriately and adequately with all anomalies involving Voter ID during the election process.

The proposal to remove the requirement for eligible Voter ID returns us to the days of Electoral fraud where any person can cast unchallenged votes for any name on the Electoral Roll, including for the deceased.

The proposed amendment to remove Voter ID should not proceed as this will encourage and enable electoral fraud and diminish accountability and confidence in Parliament and the Electoral process.

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