From: Christina Keith

To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Subject: Legislation Removing the Need to Show ID When Voting

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to express my deep concern about the new Qld Government's law that was passed on 27 March removing the requirement for voters to show ID before voting in state and local government elections. In a day and age where everyone is very security conscious and ID is required for so many activities, such as joining the local library or flying on a plane to Sydney, it is incredible that this legislation, which removes the requirement to prove you are voting in your own name, has been passed. I am actually at a loss to understand what possible motivation there can be for this legislation, especially as it must have ranked as a matter of first importance with the new government, having been passed so quickly after they took office.

One of my major concerns is that this legislation leaves the way open for anyone to vote in anyone else's name, with no possibility of the fraudulent person being apprehended. Personally I am also concerned that innocent people could be dealt with as a fraudulent voters if someone votes in their name and they also cast a vote at another polling booth. How could anyone prove that they themselves did not vote twice?

In the interests of fairness and justice for all voters, I trust that something will be done to ensure that this legislation is reversed before it is too late!

Regards Christina Keith

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