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I strongly oppose the proposed bill to amend the requirements surrounding elections and party donation thresholds.

I fail to see any benefit in removing the necessity to provide ID when voting at state or council elections. To remove the proof of identity requirement would open up a Pandora's box allowing potential rorting of the system with voters able to vote under another persons name or many times over. This would make election results a farce and secure a failure of a proper democratic process. I am bereft of any reason as to why the Labor Party would welcome such a move and it seriously calls into question their motives for this legislative change.

The change to the political party donation threshold to \$1,000 is a monumentally expensive, time wasting exercise that will not add anything to the transparency of donations. Small time donations by private individuals should not necessarily be made public knowledge as there is no public interest case to answer here. Only larger donations that would be traditionally the domain of corporations and large businesses, where a conflict of interest may occur or undue pressure could be applied to secure a particular policy result, should be monitored as is currently the case with a \$12,000 threshold. The three proposed amendments are carelessly thought out and dangerous to the tenets of democracy and I urge that they be withdrawn.

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