From:	Victor Jackson
To:	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Subject:	Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015
Date:	Thursday, 9 April 2015 8:01:59 PM

Dear Committee members.

I am horrified to hear that our government is contemplating changing our voting laws.

From what I hear, they want to do away with the ID checks or ID insistence at the polling booth, to allow a voter to lodge their vote. By changing our laws on these matters, the Government will open the doors wide for absolute rorting AND jerry-mandering our voting system.

Every adult (and teenage person) presently already has a form of acceptable and authoritative ID, so why waive it in such an important manner as our right and privilege to vote? I know that people in the past have violated the voting system by impersonating others and voting in several polling booths without challenge. Is that the way in which this government hopes to stay elected? Does the Government need to rely on the support of those opportunitists and dishonest people?

Honesty and security go hand in hand and the removal of ID's will encourage people to navigate to cheat and cause fraudulent votes. Where is your sense of righteousness?

I also consider the government's proposed change of reducing the threshold for political donations to a measely $1,000 as futility and out of date petty bungling. What an absolute waste of time that will be. It is the big donations that make the impact on political influence, not the schrapnel $1000. It always comes down to making BIG political donations that seek to sway a party or a member of the house.

What is more, by lowering the donation minimum, the Government will simply be targeting the mums and dads donors.... the small and un-influential group of society: Why?

Our federal law has a threshold of $12,000. So what is wrong with their way of thinking? Petty people do petty things and this would be petty and out of date, a small sum in our modern society, an amount that most working Australians earn in less than a week! The big fish details are going to be swamped and hidden by the enormous volume of little fish donations. I suppose one could deduce the excuse:- "Oh, sorry we missed that large donation, just did not see it".

Please register my objections to oppose the change in our voting laws.

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From: Victor Jackson
To: Murrumba Electorate Office
Cc: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Subject: Re: Changing Voting Laws
Date: Thursday, 9 April 2015 9:03:34 PM

Thank you for your reply Chris.

This should also be a further submission to the LACSC Committee

I am not surprised by your reply but am pleased that even some of your own Government MP's agree with me.

I am disappointed with your insistence that you are only considering the plight of your so-called marginalized. I think that this is a poor excuse to allow the continued voter fraud of the electoral voting system by individuals who multiple vote at elections, have done so for years and who know that the system can not catch them.

All the people in Australia today have and carry personal identification with them. To say you are looking after the "Forgetful and Confused" people is your excuse to ensure voter fraud continues, even in your electorate.

To blame anomalies on "Administrative errors" is also a sign of saying that electoral staff are and always will be incompetent and they are to blame not the sneaky voter who has mastered the way of collecting the names of those who are frail, dead and otherwise unable to vote. You I believe are part of the problem by perpetuating the system that has tried to address voter fraud.

The Electoral Commission has always commented that it has great difficulty under the present system to detect and stamp out voter fraud unless changes are made. If you are genuine and consistent in your attitude, then you should propose that we adopt a third-world system of security, where people, communities and whole groups are illiterate, bring no ID but will definitively only be able to vote once.
Their finger is dipped in ink once they vote.

So maybe you could start proposing that system?

I bet you will have an excuse for its implementation as well?

We all know the fraud is happening, but those who benefit will always defend its existence by demanding the material evidence. Political fraud goes back to Socrates and before and it takes a brave man to take up the challenge and the opportunitist who may benefit to dismiss it as "Popycock".

I am disappointed in your offhanded way in dismissing the issue.

Regards,
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On 9/04/2015 4:26 PM, Murrumba Electorate Office wrote:

Dear Mr Jackson,

I thank you for your email, and am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to the concerns that your members have raised.

The Palaszczuk Labor Government took to the recent state election a suite of policies designed to restore integrity and accountability to Queensland. One of these policies was the removal of the Newman Government's unnecessary, unfair and discriminatory Voter ID laws.

The laws as introduced by the previous government were simply a solution in search of a problem. Their own discussion paper on this issue, released in January 2013 – which specifically canvassed voter proof of identity - stated there was no specific evidence of electoral fraud.

Voter fraud has never been a major issue in Queensland. Where issues of multiple voting have arisen they have been investigated by the Electoral Commission. Instances of multiple votes are often due to a range of factors including: polling official administrative error, poor literacy or language skills or confusion with persons forgetting they have already voted.

During committee hearings for the former government's bill, the Electoral Commission identified at the 2012 Queensland State Election just one case.

These laws have the potential to discriminate against those who are already marginalised in our society, those who may not have access to the required documents or pieces of identification required, leading to inconvenience at the ballot box and more importantly to disenfranchisement with the electoral process.

Queensland democracy is an institution in which we all have a right to participate, one that we can all be proud of.

It is not an institution that we should limit participation in, but an institution in which we should encourage participation. I welcome the Attorney General's move to repeal these laws and support her in these efforts.

Your objection to the lowering of political donation thresholds is incorrect. People, organisations and businesses will still be able to donate at whatever level they feel they can afford. The change in the rules made by the previous government allowed donations of up to $12,800 to be made without declaration., This government is changing it back to the previous Labor governments lever, which will simply mean that donations below $1,000 will not have to be declared, but any donations made above that level will be.

Despite not being obliged to, after the Newman LNP government changed the laws, the Labor Party continued to be honest and accountable with our donations and advised the ECQ of all donations made to the party of more than $1,000 in a year. As this information had been declared it was then publically available. Records show the LNP received millions in donations that were not declared.

The aim of the reversal of this policy is in line with the governments election commitments around transparency and integrity.

I am proud to be a part of a government that is removing a solution in search of a problem and re-enfranchising voters across the state and is changing donation laws to allow every day Queenslanders the opportunity to see who is donating to political parties.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Whiting - Member for Murrumba

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From: Victor Jackson [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2015 4:07 PM
To: Murrumba Electorate Office
Subject: Changing Voting Laws

Dear Mr Chris Whiting MP

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Yours Sincerely,
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From: Pumicestone Electorate Office
To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Subject: RE: Changing Voting Laws
Date: Friday, 10 April 2015 12:40:02 PM

FYI

From: Victor Jackson [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2015 4:07 PM
To: Pumicestone Electorate Office
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From: Fernygrove Electorate Office
To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Subject: FW: Changing Voting Laws
Date: Friday, 10 April 2015 1:21:33 PM

Laurence Brown | Electorate Officer
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