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To: The Research Director  
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I have been reading the overview of the Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 on the Queensland Parliament website:

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/LACSC/inquiries/current-inquiries/01-ElectoralOLAB15>

There is a section on this page titled *Reasons for the Bill*. This section give a reason for part of the proposed legislation, namely

“ensuring the public can have confidence in the accountability, transparency and integrity of the electoral gift disclosure regime.” I can’t see that it provides reasons for any other part of the legislation, but rather just states the intended effect of the legislation.

I would like to recommend that the clause to remove the need for voter proof of identity requirements be removed from this legislation. The requirement has not been onerous. Everyone has multiple forms of proof of identity and is required to use them in many other circumstances. The Electoral Commission posts out a letter and tear-off “card” which states your identity along with all of the polling booths where you are eligible to vote, making it easy for you to find the right location, be identified and vote. I believe the current requirement of proof of identity reduces the potential for electoral fraud. Surely this is something to be encouraged.

Yours sincerely,

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