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The Research Director
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Via Email: lacsc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing **to oppose a key objective** of the recent, proposed *Electoral and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015*.

I oppose the removal of the 'voter proof of identity requirements', and the 'voter proof of identity requirements for local government elections', based on the following:

- The providing of identity by (local) citizens is a current fact of life. Proof of ID is routine in required to open a bank account, join a library, commence employment, just to name a few.
- Obtaining proof of ID presents little, if any, cost to the Queensland voter.
- Without the requirement of the Electoral Commission to require proof of ID, it is simple and easy for a person to cast an improper vote, or commit voter fraud – such as to vote in the name of another, or to cast multiple votes.

I ask that the Committee give serious consideration to implementing this key objective of the proposed Bill, and ultimately to **not include** this proposed change to current legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



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