From: Geoff Rees-Thomas

To: <u>Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee</u> **Subject:** Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam representing the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee,

I understand that a proposal is being considered to remove the requirement for voters to provide ID before voting in state and local government elections.

When this requirement was introduced in recent years, I was both pleased and surprised that it hadn't previously been a requirement.

Voting in government elections is surely no less of an important activity than the numerous other day-to-day personal and business transactions which are safeguarded against potential fraud by the requirement to provide ID eg., banking, collecting tickets, new memberships.

Please uphold the requirement for voters to produce an appropriate form of ID at polling booths in order to minimise voter fraud.

Thank you,

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