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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 - I am concerned about proposal
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Dear Legislators,

As an ex-Queenslander I am very concerned to hear that you are considering removing the requirement to give proof of identity when voting.

I know Queenslanders are prone to being casual and going barefoot, but voting day is another matter and surely it is necessary to require ID of some sort on the day.

Such legislation could lead to fraud and shenanigans.

Who will you fine if someone votes twice? How will you identify which person committed the fraud?

Is the proposal aimed at ensuring voting privileges for the homeless?

If a person is homeless, shame on Queensland. Perhaps you could come up with another way to ensure their voting rights are available.

In the USA in 1970's homeless people were offered accommodation on the premises of a religious sect The Orange People, if I remember correctly. Their votes, purchased via free food and accommodation, had the potential to swing the local town elections in favour of the sect's representative.

It may be a case that the disadvantaged and homeless do not have a vote. The proposed option is just too risky.

I do not understand your reasoning unless you want to incorporate some more expensive way to identify your voters. The expense would be better

spent offering better rehabilitation options for the homeless.

Sincerely,

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