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I wish to register my support for the current provision for requiring voters to produce proof of identity before casting our vote. I was delighted when it was introduced, because it removed the perception of many voters, over many years, that fraudulent votes have been cast - an abuse of our democratic system. Voting proceeded much more efficiently and quickly at the last State election with production of proof of identity, an additional reason for retaining it. Next election - provided this proof of identity requirement is retained - more voters could take greater responsibility for ensuring their details are up to date in plenty of time - a win for democracy! I believe it would be a seriously retrograde step to remove this provision.

Having read the speech by the Attorney General when introducing this Bill, and in view of the reiteration by the Attorney-General in that speech of the promises made by this Government for accountability, transparency, and integrity, it is quite inconsistent - in its earliest legislation - to remove this requirement for proof of identity, which provides for retention in our electoral system of accountability, transparency and integrity.

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