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Dear Mr Furner,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to the Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

Queensland Aged & Disability Advocacy (QADA) is a not for profit community based organisation jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments to provide individual advocacy support to older people and younger people with disabilities. This includes information, education and individual representation to recipients and potential recipients of aged and disability services including community care services, Australian Government aged care services and residential aged care facilities.

QADA also provides guardianship advocacy services to support adults, including those with a disability and/or a mental illness, whose capacity is being questioned in relation to guardianship and other administrative matters. QADA has been supporting vulnerable Queenslanders for more than 23 years and in the last year alone delivered individual advocacy support to 5,000 older people and people with a disability, as well as information and education services to some 18,000 people.

This submission provides comment in relation to the proposal to remove the voter proof of identity requirements.

QADA fully supports the proposal to remove the voter proof of identity requirements. It is QADA's view that removal of the current proof of identity requirements will reduce the risk that vulnerable groups such as indigenous Queenslanders, elderly people and people with a disability are disenfranchised from the voting process.

This support includes changes to both the Electoral Act and the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*.

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