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Public Submission by Reginald Mckinnon on the Electoral and Other Legislation Bill 2015 to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

I understand that the Bill was referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee for detailed consideration.

I have an issue with two points in the Objective of the Bill - in fact point 2 and 4:

- remove voter proof of identity requirements; and
- remove voter proof of identity requirements for local government elections

I find it a unique thing that in a world where many nations are chastised for undesirable and in some cases blatantly improper election standards that a Legal Affairs Committee would consider to remove identity requirements for Queensland State and Local government elections.

We have all seen how many countries; not having the benefit of voter id, use indelible ink on their voters to allay multiple voting fraud. Furthermore we have heard how some of these voters are killed and are often willing to suffer loss to have their opportunity to vote protected in this measure of voter proof.

The Committee should first consider what is given on the Queensland Government website in the **Reasons for the Bill** section,

which begins with:

"The Bill contains key measures for ensuring the public can have confidence in the accountability, transparency and integrity of the electoral gift disclosure regime,"

What a great shame that ~ **ensuring the public can have confidence in the accountability, transparency and integrity** purpose is not also given expressly to be applied to the publics **voter proof of identity requirements**.

All Queenslanders should be asking why our confidence in the

accountability, transparency and integrity in one issue is not being applied with equal weight in the Queensland Governments site to all the issues raised for consideration in this Bill.

The Committee may like to carefully consider and give a full and honest appraisal of why, if indeed all points are not be measured by honest and upright consideration, the Queensland public should consider that justice will be forthcoming in future considerations of our benefit!

Does anyone in Queensland or for that matter anyone from another State on visitation, really need the opportunity to Vote Early and Vote Often.

And who will really know if such illegal voting occurs if the voter proof of identity requirements be removed.

I am sure there may be reasons for removing voter proof of identity requirements, but it is my contention that no benefit gained could equate the many that would be lost to the honest voting public of Queensland.

The Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee decision on these points will remain as it should for yourselves to decide.

As a Queenslander I hope you will decide to keep voter proof of identity requirements for both State and Local government elections. And that you let Queenslanders have confidence in our future elections with full respect to the same proof of identity requirements we use every day in all other matters of our security and living issues in this State.

I am happy for you to consider in the other four points with regard to the measure I have outlined to the above two points. If you do this than I already conclude the decisions you make will be of benefit to all Queenslanders.

Respectively Yours

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