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I am concerned about the newly proposed Electoral Reforms. In particular about the voter id proposal.

I fear that the proposed voter id rules will make voting harder, especially for young and elderly people, many of which don't have drivers licenses.

Additionally many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will not have ID and therefore be precluded from voting.

The proposed laws could have discriminatory effects on who is, and who isn't, able to vote - and the worst impact will likely be on those who live in remote communities, those who are elderly, young, disabled, homeless, or just move house frequently. Does the Committee know how what percentage of people from these groups may not be able to cast a vote if the laws are introduced?

The onerous process of checking everyone's IDs will make lines to vote longer. The staff required to do this will cost more money. The Attorney-General claims these laws will reduce 'voter impersonation' but there is no evidence that these proposals will actually reduce it, or that voter impersonation has ever made a difference in any election.

This feels to me like an attempt at excluding groups of people from voting rather than something that is really necessary.

I urge you NOT to support the introduction of any voter ID rules. Such rules are designed to discriminate and segregate and as such have no room in a modern society.

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