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My belief is that democracy works best when the maximum number of people can exercise their vote, not when people are discouraged from exercising their vote. I further believe 'voter impersonation' is not a problem, therefore, it requires no solution of the type suggested by the Queensland Attorney-General.

Does the Committee know how what percentage of people from groups like the elderly, young, disabled, homeless, or those who just move house frequently may not be able to cast a vote if the laws are introduced? More importantly what is the incidence of 'voter impersonation'. Is there any hard evidence, that is, evidence based on factual, objective, scientifically conducted research to suggest that there is a problem with 'voter impersonation'? I would welcome knowing the source of such research and in which peer reviewed journal it appears.

Voter impersonation neither has been, nor is a problem. Our system of voting in Queensland has served us well as it is and should be left well alone.

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