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Like most Australians I want our democracy to continue in a free and fair manner. I am aware that the laws are being reviewed, so I am writing to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to express my concern about the changes proposed by the Attorney-General

I have not heard that there have been any significant concerns re voter id issues in recent times. Voters need to be able to vote without undue delay, and not have the process made very much more difficult for no good reason.

This proposed system would have a disproportionately adverse effect particularly on the very old and the very young, and of course Indigenous people and others who live in remote places.

These proposed changes are going to be expensive, unwieldy and will serve to disenfranchise a large number of people, so why exactly are they being put forward?

I respectfully request that the proposed changes to laws that are tried and tested and appear to be working quite well are totally rejected

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