Electoral Reform Amendment Bill 2013 Submission 070

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To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

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Mr. Bliejie,

The proposed changes to ID requirements for Qld elections are a direct attack on the most vulnerable in our democracy. Effectively they are introduced laws that would make it harder to vote, and disproportionately affect Indigenous people, the elderly, the young and people living with a disability. Significant numbers of voters within these groups face hardships in being able to meet increased standards of ID requirements for voting and would exclude many from participating in our elections and increasingly deny valid voting by members of these most vulnerable groups.

If you truly believe in including as many voters from sections of our society, please refrain from raising the voter ID requirements for Queensland electors.

