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In our democracy it is critical that all australians have the same access to voting rights. We are one of the few countries where it is compulsory to vote. I believe that has made our choices stronger and more valid.

However, I am worried that these changes will will either make it more difficult for some and even block others from the opportunity to cast their vote.

Can the Committee guarantee that no-one, especially those who have difficulty in providing the level of identification required, will be prevented from participating in casting their vote, either by increased difficulty, remoteness or access to identification methods required?

The level of voter fraud in our system is already very very low. Why is it needed to imose an expensive and time consuming process to 'fix' something that isn;t broken?

I believe these changes are not needed and should not proceed.

Kind regards

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