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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
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To whom it may concern,
The proposal to enforce ID checks on Queensland voters at election time are unnecessary and discriminatory.
There is no evidence that the proposals will reduce 'voter impersonation' as there is no evidence that 'voter impersonation' has ever made a difference in any democratic election.
In a free and fair democracy as many people must be free to vote as possible. Indeed it is a democratic government's responsibility to allow as many people to vote as possible. How does the Queensland government propose that these new laws are in line with this responsibility?
Enforcing these new laws will not only be a waste of taxpayers time and money, it will have a discriminatory effect on the citizens of Queensland. The elderly, the indigenous, those in remote communities, the homeless, even people who move house frequently are examples of groups who will find themselves unable to vote on election day. This is not democracy.
These laws cannot be allowed to be enacted.
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