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In a democracy it is vital that all people are able to vote. This is why we have compulsory voting, although not perfect, it is the only way to ensure that people are not disenfranchised by being pressured to stay away from the polling booths. I think these laws will make it much harder for certain groups to have their say for example the elderly, aboriginal people and homeless people, disabled people and young people.

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