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This is yet another ridiculous concept that Mr Newman is concocting to waste government time and money. We are already 'ided' out.

I believe the changes will:

1. lead to voter disenfranchisement
2. have discriminatory effect on who is, and who isn't, able to vote - and the worst impact will likely be on those who live in remote communities, those who are elderly, young, disabled, homeless, or just move house frequently. Does the Committee know how what percentage of people from these groups may not be able to cast a vote if the laws are introduced?
3. Would waste the people of Queensland's time and money. The onerous process of checking everyone's IDs will make lines to vote longer. The staff required to do this will cost more money. The Attorney-General claims these laws will reduce 'voter impersonation' but there is no evidence that these proposals will actually reduce it, or that voter impersonation has ever made a difference in any election.

Serious voters will simply continue to vote. The administrative costs of this proposed exercise will be expensive and, in my view, achieve nothing.

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