Electoral Reform Amendment Bill 2013 Submission 092

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In a free and fair democracy all people must have an equal opportunity to vote. The proposed laws could have discriminatory effects on who is and who isn't allowed to vote. The worst impact is most likely to be on those who live on remote communities, those who are elderly, young, disabled, or just move house frequently. Does the committee know what percentage of voters from these groups may not be able to cast a vote if these amendments are introduced?

I urge the committee to consider the undemocratic consequences of such an amendment.

