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Western democracy means making it possible for people to have their say. Placing hurdles in the way of people who are trying to vote as per their legal rights and obligations means that you actively are seeking to discriminate against anyone who does not have whatever the legislation decides is an appropriate form of ID. This will mostly effect indigenous Australians, the unemployed, the homeless and the elderly. It is the Government's responsibility to make voting a fair, free and achivable process for ALL Australian citizens. Are you prepared to guarantee that the proposed laws will not make voting impossible for adult Australian citizens who are enrolled to vote but do not possess ID?

The expense of forming and then enforcing these laws is prohibitive. The fact that the QLD Government is seeking to put them in place is frankly laughable after claiming that there is no money available for education and health and sacking over 14,000 public servants.

It will lengthen the time it takes to vote, and additionally there is no evidence that it will reduce the alleged "voter impersonation" claimed by the QLD government. There is also no evidence that "voter impersonation" has had any impact on previous elections.

I look forward to common sense prevailing.

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