Electoral Reform Amendment Bill 2013 Submission 105

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To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

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I view with great concern the move to tighten ID requirements for voting. First, I would like to see the evidence that there is substantial voter fraud which I suspect is very minor. Second, those people who are the most vulnerable and are much less likely to vote for the conservative side of politics are those who are most likely to fail the ID requirements simply because they don't have them readily to hand. This ID requirement, particularly photo ID, has been used in the US to disenfranchise the very poorest of the population and who very strongly identify with the Democrats.

I would challenge the committee: where is your evidence? Make it public so that everyone can see there is a problem if it exists.

