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To the Committee

Given that mandatory voting is a feature of Australian democracy, the committee must visibly make every effort to ensure that every Australian citizen in the state has not only the right to vote but also the opportunity to vote.

Any government action to require forms of identification that have the effect of limiting the franchise is restrictive and discriminatory and imperils the public consent to the vote outcome.

The committee needs to ensure the efficiency of voting procedures to maximise the vote and not make restrictive recommendations that have the effect of limiting the franchise (e.g., requiring forms of identification not readily available to all Queenslanders).

Instead, they must recommend PROACTIVE alternative means to ensure that KNOWN gaps in voting are redressed, not enshrined in amendments to legislation or procedure to curtail the vote.

A spoiler alert was recently provided by embarrassment to NJ governor and his office, who were exposed to public censure for using public office to strike at political opponents through the public. The community has enough pressures to deal with without further inconvenience such as identification queues.

The committee would be advised to pay attention to the needs and preferences of the digital voting culture of younger generations, which is a growing challenge to mandatory voting.

In this respect, I draw proportional representation to the committee's attention. Voting over 40 years has rarely allowed me to vote in a candidate of my choice, which is frustrating in a mandatory voting culture and likely to further alienate those digital generations.

In good faith
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