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I have a couple of major concerns about the proposed electoral changes as follows:

1. While there is some anecdotal evidence that some people vote on behalf of others, is the incidence of voter impersonation such a significant issue to justify the cost of implementing an ID system? I don't think it is. Also, the production and checking of IDs on election day would definitely result in long delays.
2. There is a real likelihood that the proposed laws could discriminate against very significant proportion of the Australian community, such as, people who live in remote communities, the disadvantaged, the homeless, the itinerant and the elderly.

It is important that in a fair and free democracy everyone must have an equal opportunity to vote. Also, it must be as easy as possible for people to vote.

Thank you for the opportunity of making this brief submission.

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