Electoral Reform Amendment Bill 2013 Submission 117

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For people who promised to do away with much red tape before the election, the current government seems intent on doing the opposite now that they are in power.

I am not aware that there is any significant amount of voter impersonation going on as things stand and, in my opinion, anyone who was that desperate to vote on multiple occasions could easily produce false ID to support a different persona. Indeed, I'm not convinced that the standard question "have you voted elsewhere today?" would prove any more effective than it is today if ID was to be produced at the same time.

I am not a supporter of "Nanny" government and I'm sure that we could all use a lot less government interference in our lives.

Quite apart from any logical reason for not liking this proposal, I frankly would not trust this government to manage the matter honestly and I would expect them to use this proposal in some way to enhance their own position or disenfranchise sections of the voting public.

We do not need this proposed legislation and I would urge you to vote against it.

Thank you.

