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**To:** [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)  
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Hello,

We wish to submit a formal submission to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee regarding the Electoral Reform Amendment Bill.

Please do not implement changes to our electoral system that require Queenslanders to present identification in order to vote. Only if there is a guarantee that this won't prevent some people from being able to vote should this be implemented, and of course you cannot do that. Indigenous Queenslanders, elderly, homeless, people who move house frequently - surely these groups may have trouble meeting ID requirements? Their vote is as valid as those of us who can provide our ID easily.

I am sorry if I've missed it, but I have not seen any statistics or any evidence that there is a problem with people trying to rig votes in Queensland. I assume that is the reason for your proposal?

If there isn't an impetus for these changes, please do not waste the time and money of the Government to make changes that may disadvantage certain groups of Queenslanders who may not be able to vote if you implement these rules. Please concern yourself with more important legal matters. You will also waste our time on voting days; long lines and waiting times can't be good for disabled or elderly Queenslanders.

This is a terrible idea. Please do not implement these changes.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Kind regards,  
Sven Fea and Katherine Cooper (de facto)

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