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Dear Mrs Struthers,

I am writing in relation to correspondence of December 5, 2001 calling for submissions on the Electoral [Fraudulent Actions] Amendment Bill.

On behalf of the National Party of Australia - Queensland [the Party], I wish to outline the Party's full support for this Private Members Bill presented to the Parliament by Opposition Shadow Attorney General, Lawrence Springborg MP.

The integrity of the electoral roll is a fundamental pillar upon which Queensland's democratic processes are built. It is with great regret that we witnessed the public's confidence in this pillar eroded following revelations of widespread and systematic electoral fraud by members of the Australian Labor Party at the Shepherdson Inquiry.

The Party therefore would impress upon the Committee to support this Bill in its entirety as a means of not only restoring public confidence in the electoral system, but also strengthening the integrity of the rolls and removing the prospect for any future fraudulent activities. Furthermore, it is the belief of the Party that those issues raised by the Attorney General in Hansard [November 28, 2001] in relation to both the constitutional validity of the Bill and the matter of mandatory sentencing have been addressed by the Shadow Attorney General in the Bill's Second Reading Speech of October 18, 2001.

If either yourself or any members of the Committee wish to discuss this matter further in any way I can be contacted on the contact details outlined above.

Regards,

Andrew Bibb

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