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Gary Fenlon MLA  
Chair  
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Reform Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Fenlon

**QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL REFORM**

I note your invitation to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into certain issues of electoral reform. In reference to the Queensland Electoral Commissioner's letter, I wish to comment on point 11 alone.

The Commissioner refers to the importance to our democracy of accurate electoral rolls. In particular, the Commissioner highlights the large number of eligible Queenslanders not enrolled and specifically mentions 18-21 year olds. I share the Commissioner's concerns about this gap in the accuracy of the electoral rolls.

To address this problem, the Commissioner makes reference to access to driver's licence records and indeed continues: "Perhaps, once a person establishes their bona fides for licence purposes, electoral enrolment should become an automatic consequential process with the person's consent."

**I very strongly support the information provided by applicants for a driver's licence being automatically treated as an electoral enrolment.** As electoral enrolment is compulsory, I however do not understand why such a process should only occur "with the person's consent".

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Ray Hollis MP  
**Speaker - Queensland Parliament**

25 November 1999