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Should voters be required to produce proof of their identity on polling day?

Yes. I have voted in both NSW and Qld and have always required proof of ID when voting in NSW. It is a sensible matter as it limits some fraud.

Should compulsory voting remain for Queensland State elections?

Yes. The removal of compulsory voting favour one side of politics and thus can easily be seen as a politically motivated change. I do not think it is undemocratic to make voting compulsory. Voters have the right to not vote and pay a fine, or to turn up, receive a ballot paper but not actually vote.

The original reasons still remain valid for compulsory voting. The use of resources to determine if non voting was legitimate is a valid point, but it is not a big enough reason to change the system. After all we spend other resources on things more questionable. I do not think we should abandon checking the non voters in an attempt to save money and resources. This becomes non compulsory voting by stealth and has the issues involved in non compulsory voting.

Australia does not need to follow the lead of other countries in this matter. We have a good system that produces excellent voter turn out and encourages citizens to think about matters that effect their lives and make decisions in this area.

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