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My comments are all about sections from Part B of the discussion paper.

3. Proof of identity

I am opposed to the introduction of proof of identity requirements at polling booths. To introduce this requirement would be costly and confusing, it would lead to great inconvenience on the day of polling and would disadvantage those who do not have I.D. - a group generally already disenfranchised - thus making voting less representative. As there is no particular concern about voter fraud in QLD anyway, this discriminatory practice is utterly uncalled for. No changes should be made and no proof of identity should be required on polling day.

6. Postal voting

I would support the grounds for application for a postal vote being expanded in line with other state standards.

7. Compulsory voting

I feel very strongly that voting should remain compulsory within Queensland. It encourages consideration and awareness of political issues by the public and enforces their participation, and is more representative. I am very wary of this proposal, as I fear it could lead to greater interference and manipulation from corporations and other large interests. I firmly believe that choices about Queensland's future government should only come from individuals whose equitable influence on the choice is ensured, and the best way to ensure this is to require all citizens to vote.

- Anne-Maree Brady