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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee
on Electoral Matters
Department of House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

RECENT ELECTION

Something that has always troubled me, and troubled me again last Saturday, is one's ability to cast a vote without producing photo identification.

While I am sure that the vast majority of voters do not abuse the system, there is presently nothing to stop someone casting multiple votes, around many electorates, in other people's names. On challenge, those people whose names have been used could rightly say it was not of their doing.

Proof of identity being required would render any such practice impossible. While people could still vote multiple times, responsibility would always be sheeted home to them, as a defence that someone else was voting in their names could no longer succeed.

There are no costs involved in adopting this procedure, just a minimal time delay as the ID is checked.

Could you please let me know if there is any reason for photo identification not to be insisted upon at all future elections.

Yours sincerely,



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