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**From:** davalii [davalii@telstra.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 12 March 2005 10:01 AM  
**To:** Committee, EM (REPS)  
**Subject:** Lack of ID required for voting

I wish to advise that I would like my email regarding lack of identification to vote in elections be submitted to the enquiry as it stands. The point I am raising is quite clear: Why is no proof of identity required when voting?

A copy of this email, sent on November 24, 2004 is as follows:

To: <info@aec.gov.au>  
cc:

Subject: Form of identification

After living overseas for 19 years, I returned to Australia and added my name to the electoral roll. I was most surprised when voting in the Federal election not to have to provide identification.

Opening bank accounts, registering at Medicare, and signing up for a mobile telephone all required different combinations of identification to satisfy each organizations identification point system. And yet to vote, one of the privileges we have in a democracy, no identification is required.

Could you please explain why this is so.

Regards

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