



Our Reference: N13/229

Ms Kelley Yates  
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The Forensic Hospital  
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Dear Ms Yates

I write to you concerning the distribution of electoral material within your facility.

Under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act), may cast a vote for Federal elections provided they meet the enrolment requirements of the Act (e.g. 18 years of age, an Australian citizen and serving a sentence (if applicable) of less than three years.

Under an agreement between the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) and Corrective Services New South Wales, the AEC provides correctional centres with enrolment material, such as enrolment forms and material related to voting in the lead-up to Federal electoral events. This enables persons detained in correctional facilities who are eligible to enrol and vote the opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

The AEC would like to offer similar service to persons within your facility. Therefore, with your assent, I would like to provide the Forensic Hospital with the following material:

- a quantity of enrolment forms;
- a quantity of general postal vote applications;
- a quantity of form completion instructions;
- a quantity of reply-paid envelopes; and
- a quantity of information leaflets on how the new Senate voting arrangements work.

Could you please advise if that proposal meets with your approval and, if so, provide the name and contact details of the relevant staff member for me to issue the documents to.

If you require further quantities, please contact me on 9375 6308 or via email at: [ian.herps@aec.gov.au](mailto:ian.herps@aec.gov.au)

I thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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ENROLMENT MANAGER  
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