

Ian Herps

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Sent: Friday, 13 May 2016 12:20 PM
To: Ian Herps
Subject: Re: Distribution of election material [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thank you very much for this Ian

Have a great weekend!

Regards,

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>>> "Ian Herps" <Ian.Herps@aec.gov.au> 13/05/2016 10:12 am >>>
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Good afternoon, Sean

Can you please call me on 9375 6308 as soon as you receive this email.

Regards

Ian

2013 FEDERAL ELECTION - SATURDAY, 2 JULY 2016

It is compulsory for all eligible Australian citizens 18 years of age and older to enrol and vote. You are eligible to enrol and vote if you:

- * Are an Australian citizen
- * Are 18 years or older

You can enrol at 16 years but cannot vote until you are 18.

The deadline for enrolling for the 2016 Federal Election is 8:00pm, Monday 23 May 2016

ENROLLING

Custodial employees must assist eligible detainees to complete the following documents:

- Control order of less than 3 years: 'NSW Prisoner Enrolment'
- Remand: 'Enrol to vote or update your details' form

A detainee's residential address is where the detainee last lived for a month before they came into custody. The postal address must be the centre where the detainee is located.

A declaration to confirm identity may also need to be completed on behalf of the detainee. All necessary forms including return instructions are attached to this memo

To satisfy proof of identity requirements of electoral legislation, electors need to enter on the application their driver's licence, passport or have another person attest to their identity. As it is unlikely that a resident would not have either a driver's licence or passport, then the application would need to be attested. An attester is required to provide their name, address, date of birth and signature.

If a centre staff member is to act as an attester but does not wish to provide their personal details, it will be acceptable to the AEC if the attester provides their name, title and work address where the form requests the attester's printed name and address. However, the AEC needs to be able to easily identify who the attester is from the names on the electoral roll, so it is essential that the attester be someone with a not too common name.

VOTING

Enrolled electors can apply to become a general postal voter (GPV). Being registered as a GPV ensures that ballot papers are sent to them for any Federal, State or Local Government election.

If under sentence of less than 3 years: to apply for GPV registration, simply tick the 'yes' box at Q.7 on the prisoner form. There is no need to complete the separate general postal Voter application form.

Applications for GPV registration (for those not under sentence) or postal vote applications require the details and signature of the applicant. They do not require details of a witness. The actual declaration envelope in which the ballot papers are returned to the AEC do require the signature of a witness (but not a printed name or address details) and only what category of witness they are (this can simply be 'elector'). Therefore, a Juvenile Justice staff member does not need to provide their personal details on the declaration envelope.

NOTE: Detainees who turn 18 between now and polling day (2 July) can become GPVs or apply for a postal vote now. However, on receipt of the ballot papers, they should not complete them nor sign the declaration on the GPV envelope in which they are enclosed UNTIL the day they turn

The close of rolls for the 2016 Federal Election occurs on Monday, 23 May 2016. Therefore, in order to have all eligible residents enrolled and registered for this election, please return all completed forms to the AEC as soon as possible.

Forms should be returned to the AEC at the following address:

Attn: Ian Herps
Australian Electoral Commission
Reply Paid 9867
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Please ensure to include the reply-paid address on the envelope/package so that you will not need to pay for postage.

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