

Address for correspondence
Divisional Returning Officer for
[DIV-NAME-HDR]
[DIV-POSTADDR-LINE1-HDR]
[DIV-POSTADDR-LINE2-HDR]



AEC

Australian Electoral Commission

Division of [DIV-NAME-HDR]
[DIV-ADDR-LINE1-HDR]
[DIV-ADDR-LINE2-HDR]
[DIV-ADDR-LINE3-HDR]

Tel: [DIV-PHONE-NUM-HDR]
Fax: [DIV-FAX-DPID-HDR]

[MAIL-DPID-BCODE-HDR]
[ELECTOR-ID-HDR]
[MAIL-NAME]
[MAIL-ADDR-LINE1-HDR]
[MAIL-ADDR-LINE2-HDR]
[MAIL-ADDR-LINE3-HDR]
[MAIL-ADDR-LINE4-HDR]

[POSTAGE-DATE-HDR]

Notice Failure to vote

Due Date: [DUE-DATE-HDR]

Dear [SALUTATION-NAME]

You were recently sent a penalty notice under subsection 245(3) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act) about your failure to vote at the [ELECTION-DESC-HDR] held on [ELECTION-DATE-HDR].

This notice is to advise you that I have considered the reason you provided for failing to vote and am not satisfied that it is valid and sufficient.

In reaching my decision I have had regard to prior decisions of Australian courts when interpreting the term 'valid and sufficient' in failure to vote cases.

If you do not pay the \$20 administrative penalty before [DUE-DATE-HDR], the matter may be referred to a court.

As previously advised, failure to vote is a criminal offence without a valid and sufficient reason under subsection 245(15) of the Electoral Act. If you are found guilty of this offence, a court may impose a maximum fine of \$330 (plus court costs) and a criminal conviction may be recorded against you.

If you are unable to respond to this notice, someone else can pay the \$20 administrative penalty on your behalf.

Should you require further information, please contact this office on the phone number above.

Yours sincerely
Divisional Returning Officer

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VALID AND SUFFICIENT REASON FOR NOT VOTING

Pay the administrative penalty of \$20 using any of these methods.

Pay by credit card

Using Visa or Mastercard

Online: www.aec.gov.au/non-voters

Phone: 1300 844 596

Customer Ref. No.

[PAY-BY-REF-ID-HDR]

Pay by cash

Present this notice with your payment at any Australia Post outlet.



[BPOST-BCODE]

[BPOST-TEXT]

OR

Present this notice with your payment at any AEC office.

DO NOT send cash through mail

NOTE: PART PAYMENT NOT ACCEPTED.

DUE DATE: [DUE-DATE-HDR]

AMOUNT DUE: \$20.00