



Our Reference : N10/159

Mr Graham Strang
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Dear Mr Strang

Thank you for your correspondence received recently in our office.

You have raised a concern about your declaration on the 'Nomination of a Member of the House of Representatives' form 60 recently submitted to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

Whilst it is a requirement of the nomination process to declare your intention to not be a candidate in any other election to be held on this day this in no way impacts on your responsibility as an elector to vote.

In particular I refer to s245(1) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* which states '*...It shall be the duty of every elector to vote at each election.*'

I trust this information is of assistance and thank you for taking the time to put your concerns in writing.

Yours sincerely

[Signature redacted.]

Doug Orr
Australian Electoral Officer and
State Manager for
New South Wales

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