

Ian Herps

From: Doug Orr
Sent: Wednesday, 6 April 2016 7:30 AM
To: Warwick Austin; James Carroll; Ian Herps
Subject: FW: Prisoners' Enrolment to Vote [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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FYI

I will consider responding when I get back to SO

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From: Justice Action <justiceactionteam@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, 05 Apr 2016, 4:58 PM
To: Doug Orr <Doug.Orr@aec.gov.au>
Cc: Brett Collins <brett@justiceaction.org.au>
Subject: Prisoners' Enrolment to Vote

Dear Mr. Orr,

Thank you for your response dated 30/03/2016,

We hope you can provide clarification of a few points:

○ Automatic Postal vote:

Your email states that it is not possible under the Act to automatically provide postal voter status to prisoners, but we are unclear why that is the case. Section 184A(3) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, states that the postal vote application may be made on behalf of the electorate by another person, and *Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Protecting Elector Participation) Act 2012*, *The Electoral Referendum Amendment (Maintaining Address) Act 2012*, schedule 2, and *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912(NSW)*, grant the AEC the power to directly update and enrol eligible electors. What is the obstacle?

MOU:

Does the Corrective Services NSW send you information on remand prisoners?

Does the information include citizenship status?

Would you please send us a copy of the MOU?

As I'm sure we can agree, the under-enrolment and under-participation of the incarcerated population is a serious concern to a system of mandatory democracy, perhaps too serious to consider the status quo as sufficient. We hope we work together in finding solutions.

Kind regards,

Olivia Irvine and the Justice Action Team

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