



Our Reference: N13/229

Manager Security

Dear Manager Security

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

Under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act), persons serving a full-time sentence may cast a vote for Federal elections provided they meet the enrolment requirements of the Act and their sentence is less than three years.

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Corrective Services New South Wales (CSNSW) aimed at enabling persons detained in correctional facilities who are eligible to enrol and vote the opportunity to participate in the electoral process. To facilitate this, the MOU includes provision of enrolment material by the AEC to correctional facilities between electoral events and, closer to potential Federal elections, the additional provision of material related to voting.

Please note that CSNSW has advised the AEC that postal voting will be the only means of voting for eligible prisoners.

Your assistance is sought in this process by distributing the documents listed below to all interested persons detained in your facility:

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

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)

As the anticipated Federal Election draws nearer, I shall be forwarding to you further election-specific documentation for the attention of prisoners.

I thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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