



Our Reference: N13/229

Ms Denise Hanley
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Dear Ms Hanley

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

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.

Under an agreement between the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) and Corrective Services New South Wales, the AEC provides correctional centres with enrolment material and material related to voting in the lead-up to Federal electoral events. This enables persons detained in correctional facilities who are eligible to enrol and vote the opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

The AEC would like to offer similar service to those persons serving a sentence in a Juvenile Justice Centre who are of voting age (18), an Australian citizen, and who are serving a sentence of less than 3 years.

If you are in agreement with that proposal, could you please advise what Juvenile Justice centres have detainees who meet the requirements as set out above, as well as the contact details for each centre.

If you require further quantities, please contact me on 9375 6308 or via email at: ian.herps@aec.gov.au

I thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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ENROLMENT MANAGER
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