



ACT Electoral Commission  
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## Apparent Failure to Vote

Dear Elector

According to my records it appears that you did not vote at the 1998 ACT Legislative Assembly Election held on Saturday 21 February 1998

In order to resolve this matter please complete the form on the back of this notice and return it to me by 22 May 1998 (If the elector to whom this letter is addressed is absent or incapacitated this form may be completed by another person acting on his or her behalf)

Please complete all three sections of the form on the back of this notice

When answering section 2 complete only one of the following parts

- **IF YOU DID VOTE**, please complete Part A,
- **IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and believe you have a valid and sufficient reason for not voting** please complete Part B,
- **IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and wish to pay the \$20 penalty and finalise the matter** please complete Part C This payment fully discharges you of any liability and you will not be regarded as having been convicted of an offence

I wish to remind you that it is an offence to fail to vote at an election without a valid and sufficient reason under section 129 of the *Electoral Act 1992* The penalty for failing to vote is \$20 if paid to the ACT Electoral Commission, or a maximum of \$50 (plus any court costs) if the matter goes to Court

If you do not respond to this notice by the due date I may be obliged to have the matter dealt with by the Court

Thank you for your cooperation

Phillip Green  
Electoral Commissioner  
24 April 1998

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Your enrolment as  
at polling day was:

Please complete sections 1, 2 and 3 and return in the envelope provided. PLEASE PRINT

<b>Section</b>  <b>1.</b>	Name of elector	Contact phone number (if convenient)
	Current residential address	

In Section 2, complete either Part A, Part B or Part C only.

<b>Section</b>  <b>2.</b>	<b>A. IF YOU DID VOTE</b> , complete this Part	
	<i>EITHER</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I voted at the following polling place	<input type="text"/>
	<i>OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I voted by post	
OR		
<b>B. IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and believe you have a valid and sufficient reason</b> , complete this Part (I will advise you if your reason is not acceptable)		
I did not vote because. . . . .		
OR		
<b>C. IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and wish to pay the penalty of \$20 and finalise this matter</b> , complete this Part.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to pay the \$20 penalty		
<i>EITHER</i> Pay by cheque or money order (made payable to "ACT Electoral Commission") and post with this form in the enclosed reply-paid envelope to PO Box 272, Civic Square ACT 2608		
<i>OR</i> Pay by cash, cheque or money order at the office of the ACT Electoral Commission Allara House 50 Allara Street Canberra City		
<small>Note: Payment of the \$20 penalty fully discharges any liability in relation to your apparent failure to vote. No further proceedings can be taken against you and you will not be regarded as having been convicted of an offence. However, if for any reason your cheque is not honoured by your bank it will be deemed that payment of the penalty has not been made.</small>		

<b>Section</b>  <b>3.</b>	Signature of elector or person acting on his or her behalf	If this form is completed by another person acting on behalf of the elector, please print your name below your signature
	Date / /	

**For further information call the ACT Electoral Commission on 6205 0033**