



Australian Capital Territory
Gazette

SPECIAL GAZETTE

No. S218, Wednesday 30 August 1995

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Electoral Act 1992

APPROVAL OF DEFAULT NOTICES UNDER THE ELECTORAL ACT 1992

Pursuant to section 161 of the *Electoral Act 1992* (the Act), I hereby APPROVE the following default notices:

- **Apparent Failure to Vote** (ACTEF 113),
- **Apparent Failure to Vote -REMINDER** (ACTEF 114); and
- **Apparent Failure to Vote - NOTICE OF POSSIBLE PROSECUTION** (ACTEF 115);

for the purposes of the Act.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phillip Green'.

Phillip Green
Electoral Commissioner

19 April 1995

Address for correspondence.
ACT Electoral Commission
PO Box 272
CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608



1 Constitution Avenue
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Telephone: (06) 20 50033

Apparent Failure to Vote

*Electoral Act 1992
Section 129*

Dear Elector

According to my records it appears that you did not vote at the 1995 ACT Legislative Assembly Election and Referendum held on Saturday 18 February 1995.

In order to resolve this matter would you please complete the form on the back of this notice and return it to me by 31st May 1995. 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 3 sections. When answering section 2 complete only one of the following parts:

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

I wish to advise you that it is an offence to fail to vote at an election without a valid and sufficient reason, and 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 is dealt with by the Court.

If you do not respond to this notice by the due date I am obliged to have the matter dealt with by a Court.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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**NOTICE OF POSSIBLE
PROSECUTION
Failure to Vote**
*Electoral Act 1992
Section 129*

Dear Elector

I have written to you twice in respect of your apparent failure to vote at the 1995 ACT Legislative Assembly Election and Referendum held on Saturday 18 February 1995.

I have not received a reply to either the first notice or the reminder notice.

In order to resolve this matter would you please complete the form on the back of this notice and return it to me by 1 August 1995. 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 3 sections. When answering section 2 complete only one of the following parts:

- Part A if you **DID VOTE**;

OR

- Part B if you **DID NOT VOTE** and believe you have a *valid and sufficient* reason for not voting;

OR

- Part C if you **DID NOT VOTE** and wish to pay the \$20 penalty and finalise the matter. 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. 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 is dealt with by the Court.

If you wish to avoid court proceedings, please complete the back of this notice and return it to me. If I do not receive a reply from you by 1 August 1995 I will conclude that you wish to have the matter dealt with by a Court.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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REMINDER
Apparent
Failure to Vote
Electoral Act 1992
Section 129

Dear Elector

I wrote to you on 8 May 1995 advising you that according to my records it appears that you did not vote at the 1995 ACT Legislative Assembly Election and Referendum held on Saturday 18 February 1995. I have not received a reply from you to my earlier letter.

In order to resolve this matter would you please complete the form on the back of this notice and return it to me by 21st June 1995. 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 3 sections. When answering section 2 complete only one of the following parts:

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

I wish to advise you that it is an offence to fail to vote at an election without a valid and sufficient reason, and 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 is dealt with by the Court.

If you do not respond to this notice by the due date I am obliged to have the matter dealt with by a Court.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Your enrolment as at Polling Day was:

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

Section 1.	Name of elector	Daytime phone contact ()
	Current residential address	

When answering section 2 complete either Part A, Part B or Part C.

Section 2.	A. If you DID vote complete this part.
	<i>EITHER</i> Write the name of the polling place at which you voted' ----- <i>OR</i> Tick the box if you voted by post. <input type="checkbox"/>
	OR
	B. If you DID NOT vote and believe you have a valid and sufficient reason complete this part (I will advise you if your reason is not acceptable.)
	I did not vote because ----- ----- -----
	OR
	C. If you DID NOT vote and wish to pay the penalty of \$20 and finalise the matter complete this part.
	Method of payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (Counter Payments ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or money order (made payable to 'Receiver of Public Monies')
	<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>

Section 3.	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. / /	