



## Media release

Issued on behalf of the Electoral Commission of Queensland

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### UNOFFICIAL FAILURE TO VOTE PENALTY NOTICES

The Electoral Commission of Queensland has been notified of fraudulent and unofficial Failure to Vote Penalty Notices being issued to Queensland residents.

These notices can be identified by the following misinformation:

- A reference to the “Australian Electoral Commission Queensland” in the return address
- A penalty amount of \$168.00
- There is no date on the letter
- Includes the term “Arrears Amount” in the payment details
- A direction to **only** pay via the internet using direct debit

A copy of the notice is attached to assist identification

The notice states the penalty is for not voting in the recent federal election. The Electoral Commission of Queensland does not administer the federal elections and does not issue penalties for failure to vote in federal elections. The Commission urges any person who has received such a notice to contact the Electoral Commission of Queensland on 1300 881 665.

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Reference Number: 710208967

No Date:

## Penalty Notice

Dear MR [REDACTED]


We are writing to tell you that you have incurred a penalty fee for not voting in the federal election. It is compulsory for all citizens to vote in Australia. If the eligible citizen does not vote they may incur a maximum penalty of up to \$1020 or 3 months in jail. Due to your eligibility to vote and your lack of voting in the 2016 federal election you have been issued with a formal penalty statement.

The first penalty that you will incur is a **\$168** fine. If payment is not made within 28 days the fine will be a larger amount due to extra administration fees.

Due to the upgrading of the government system you may only pay by internet. For Further details see below.

### Payment Method

Pay Online

	BSB #: [REDACTED]
	Account #: [REDACTED]
	Arrears Amount:
	<b>\$168</b>