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Young people encouraged to enrol to vote

The largest individual age group of people missing from the electoral roll – 18 to 24 year olds – are being urged to enrol to vote by Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke MP.

Ms Burke said the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) recently estimated that over 430,000 eligible young people across Australia are not currently enrolled, and all are risking their vote at the upcoming federal election.

“I urge all young people in Chisholm to ensure they are enrolled to vote so they are ready come the federal election,” Ms Burke said.

“If you wait for the election to be announced before enrolling to vote there is a chance you may miss out on having your say.

“Young people deserve their right to participate in the democratic process of electing their federal representatives. It’s important to not risk losing that right through failing to enrol.

“Enrolling to vote is a simple process – just visit the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au, fill out the form, print, sign and send it to the AEC,” she said.

Ms Burke said that enrolment forms are also available at any AEC office, Australia Post outlet, or any Medicare, Centrelink, or Australian Tax Office.

“It’s important we address the challenge of encouraging and increasing youth enrolment.

“Compared with other electors, 18 year olds are under represented on the electoral roll and most 17 year olds are unaware they can enrol now so they’re ready to vote in elections when they turn 18,” she said.

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