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name
address1
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Dear Elector

Apparent failure to vote - ACT Legislative Assembly election 16 October 2004

According to my records, it appears that you did not vote at the ACT Legislative Assembly election held on Saturday, 16 October 2004.

It is an offence to fail to vote at an ACT 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 fine of \$50 (plus any court costs) if the matter is dealt with by the Court.

Please follow the instructions on the form on the back of this notice to resolve this matter.

IF YOU DID VOTE - see section 1 of the form overleaf.

IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and believe you have a *valid and sufficient reason* for not voting - see section 2 of the form overleaf.

IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and wish to pay the \$20 penalty to finalise the matter - use one of the payment options listed in section 3 of the form overleaf.

If you do not respond to this notice by 9 December 2004, I may be obliged to have the matter dealt with by a court.

If the elector to whom this notice is addressed is absent or incapacitated, another person may respond on his or her behalf.

Please note that giving false or misleading information in replying to this notice is a serious offence.

Yours sincerely



Phillip Green
Electoral Commissioner

11 November 2004

PS. This notice refers to the ACT Legislative Assembly election held on 16 October 2004, not the federal election held on 9 October.

Elector's reply regarding apparent failure to vote at the ACT Legislative Assembly election held on 16 October 2004

ID:

Daytime contact phone:

Your enrolment as at polling day was: **name**
full address

To reply to this notice:

- if you are paying the \$20 penalty, use one of the payment methods listed below, otherwise:
- return this completed form in the reply-paid envelope provided or fax it to (02) 6205 0382, or
- send an email to elections@act.gov.au, including your name and the ID number shown above.

1. IF YOU DID VOTE

Write the name of the polling place where you voted for the ACT Legislative Assembly election on 16 October 2004, (not the federal election on 9 October 2004):

2. IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and believe you have a valid and sufficient reason for not voting

Please state your reason below. I will advise you if your reason is not acceptable.

I did not vote at the ACT Legislative Assembly election held on 16 October 2004 because

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3. IF YOU DID NOT VOTE and wish to pay the penalty of \$20

Please use one of the payment methods below.

Internet Pay by credit card (Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa) over the internet at www.trading.act.gov.au/CC (do not return this form).

Phone Pay by credit card (Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa) over the phone, by contacting the Canberra Connect Call Centre on 13 22 81 between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. Your payment details will be processed via the internet (do not return this form).

Shopfront Pay by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card (Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa), at any ACT Government Shopfront - take this form with you.

Mail or fax Post this form in the enclosed reply-paid envelope to PO Box 272, Civic Square ACT 2608 with your cheque or money order (made payable to "ACT Electoral Commission") or enter your credit card details below (Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa). If paying by credit card, you may fax this form to 02 6205 0382. All credit card payments will be processed via the internet.

Card number:

Expiry date: /

Signature:

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, or the credit card details provided are rejected, it will be deemed that payment of the penalty has not been made.

**For further information call the ACT Electoral Commission on 6205 0033
or send an email to elections@act.gov.au**