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Early Voting

I put it to AEC that it is turning a blind eye to people that are voting early without meeting any of the 10 conditions set out by AEC. AEC does not enforce one of its own rules, a slippery slope.

The AEC should address this façade by scrapping the eligibility criteria or enforce it. The AEC stance is not excused by saying it is up to the voter to think they are eligible. The AEC must be beyond reproach and not laughed at.

I would like the AEC to remove any criteria for early voting or enforce the rules. Voters that would like to vote early but who follow the letter of the law miss out. Did all 6 million voters meet one of the criteria? Highly unlikely.

I personally like the flexibility of voting early. I have no doubt AEC, having 6 million less voters on election day, welcomed the fact