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### **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS**

Inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018

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Issue date: 29 October 2018

## **Listening to young people**

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters is holding further public hearings into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018. This Bill as proposed by the Greens would extend the franchise to 16 and 17 year-olds on a voluntary basis, allow enrolment for 14 and 15 year-olds, and permit a provisional vote on election day for unenrolled citizens.

Chair of the Committee, Senator the Hon James McGrath said that given the evidence from the initial hearing, held in September in Melbourne, the Committee was interested to hear further evidence from both young people and academic and legal experts.

The hearing will be held at Glenala State High School, enabling young people to engage with the committee process.

The full program can be found on the [Committee's website](#).

#### **Public hearing details:**

Date: Tuesday, 30 October 2018

Time: 10:00am – 1:45pm

Location: Glenala State High School, Durack, Brisbane

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)

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