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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

Issue date: 27 June 2018

Electoral Matters Committee to examine the voting age

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters has been asked by the Senate to examine the <u>Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill</u> <u>2018</u>, introduced into the Parliament by the Australian Greens.

The Bill proposes to introduce voluntary voting for 16 to 17 year olds and to allow people to enrol or update their enrolment details on polling day.

Submissions can be made through the Committee's website <<u>www.aph.gov.au/votingage</u>> by 10 August 2018.

The Committee has been asked to report by 18 October 2018.

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