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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **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: 30 October 2018

## **Should the voting age be lowered?**

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters is holding a Canberra public hearing into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018. The passing of 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 he was interested to be hearing from youth organisations whose submissions had been given consideration by the Committee.

The hearing will be held at Parliament House, Canberra, and will include representatives from a number of youth organisations, as well as academics and legal experts.

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

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

Date: Wednesday, 31 October 2018

Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Location: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

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

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