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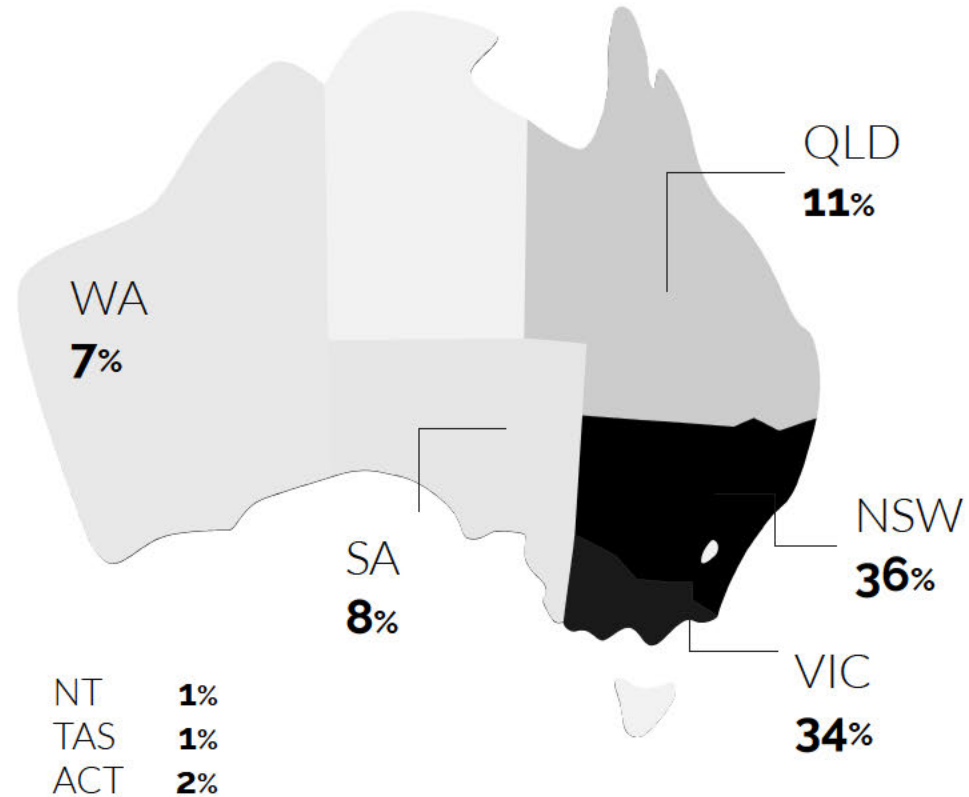
The number of people educated & integrated to Australia who **would have been eligible** to be enrolled to vote in the 2019 federal election but were **not allowed to**.



# 14%

The percentage of the **2.2 million of economically active permanent residents** compared to the 16 million of Australian Citizens enrolled to vote in the 2019 federal election

Where do all these  
Permanent Residents live?



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Data from the Australian Electoral Commission [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)  
Based on the Permanent Resident Net Overseas Migration per Region (Yearly Average)

# How about

To vote in the general election, one must:

- be on the electoral roll
- be aged 18 or over on election day
- be an Australian citizen, **permanent resident, residence visa holder or other person entitled to reside in Australia indefinitely.**
- have lived in Australia for one year or more continuously at some point
- have been in Australia within the last 3 years (for Australian citizens) or 1 year (non-Australian citizens); public servants and Defence Force personnel on duty outside Australia, including their partners and children, are not subject to this rule.
- not be expressly disqualified from enrolling or voting (e.g., serving a sentence of imprisonment; convicted of a corrupt election practice).

## Report prepared after the 2019 federal election using data sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistic.

I'm by no-mean affiliated to any political party in Australia or to any public or private organisation linked to a political party. I was born in France and arrived in Australia on the 5th of December 2011 with very little money. I worked hard over the years to stay in this country, to integrate myself with the communities and help develop this beautiful country in a positive way.

As a Digital Designer, I've been focusing my knowledge and passion of designing digital solutions on the Aged Care sector, helping aged care facilities across the country manage their employees with the correct tools to provide the best care possible to the ageing population of Australia. I received my Permanent Residency through the Employer Nomination Scheme only a couple of weeks ago at the time of writing this, over 8 years after landing in Sydney. I'll go for my citizenship next year and will finally be allowed to take part in the elections.

Today, at 29 years old, I **feel** more Australian than French. I know many permanent residents feel the same and **I can't help but wonder why this huge chunk of people living in Australia can not be part of the decisions made for the country.** It's been proven to work elsewhere.

I hope Australia will rethink their position on the matter. Thank you.

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