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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON DAYLIGHT SAVING

The Western Australian Electoral Commission is calling on all young Western Australians who are eligible, but not yet registered, to enrol to vote in the May 16th Daylight Saving Referendum.

Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately said today that statistics indicated that nearly one in four 18-year-olds had yet to register to vote.

“The Australian Electoral Commission has estimated that only about 84.5% of 18-25 year-olds in Australia are enrolled to vote, compared to an overall participation rate of some 92.3%,” said Mr Gately.

“Our message to young voters is that elections and referendums give them a chance to have their say on the issues that matter to them – but they can’t vote unless they’re enrolled.

“I appreciate just how busy life can be for young people, with all the pressures of work, studies and careers to pursue, with any amount of matters needing their attention, sometimes for the first time.

“However, amid all that I urge them not to forget to enrol to vote – it’s best to be involved in the decision process.”

Enrolments must be lodged by 6pm on Friday 17th April and must be made on the official enrolment form that is available at any post office, at all Australian Electoral Commission district offices, by calling the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06, or by downloading it from the Commission’s website www.waec.wa.gov.au.

Forms can be lodged at the WA Electoral Commission offices at Level 2, 111 St George’s Terrace, Perth, at any AEC divisional office or by fax on 9226 0577.

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