

New approach to voting for Northern Territory cattlemen

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The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) understands how hard it can be for cattlemen on the move to vote in their constituency when federal, territory and shire elections are held.

To make it easier for you, you can now enrol and vote as a General Postal Voter (GPV). GPVs have traditionally been people who are enrolled at addresses which are not located near polling places. We thought this criteria could also apply to you.

Please note: This is distinct from a Postal Vote Application (PVA), which is a one-off postal vote and applies to a particular election only, i.e. you are on holidays and will not be near a polling place for a specified election.

To be eligible to become a GPV, you must already be enrolled to vote. Enrol to vote forms can be downloaded from the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/Update_enrolment.htm.

Enrolling as a GPV is straightforward, just go to our [website](http://www.aec.gov.au) and download an application form, complete it. If you have moved since the last election, please make sure you update your details.

Please note: After you have completed your enrol to vote form and GPV form (and signed and dated both), please post them free of charge to:

Australian Electoral Commission
Reply Paid 21
Darwin NT 0801

Voting is even easier, as you will automatically be sent ballot papers for each election to fill out and send back.

A variety of other services are also provided by the AEC to make voting easy and convenient for those who cannot vote at a polling place on election day. For example, Early Voting Centres will be available in regional centres throughout the NT.

These are designed to help people (who know in advance they won't be able to make it to polling places) vote prior to election day. Their locations will be widely advertised in all regional newspapers, and the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association (NTCA) will be provided with a voting schedule and timetable.

Mobile voting services are provided for people in many hospitals and nursing homes nationally, as well as in locations occupying remote areas of Australia. We will also provide the NTCA with their timetables and schedules.

Want more information?

If you would like to know more about these services or ask about your enrolling and voting rights and responsibilities, please call us on 13 23 26, or visit www.aec.gov.au.

To complete the GPV application form go to: www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/Special_Category/General_postal_voters.htm



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