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Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Extending the Right to Vote to Permanent Residents) Bill 2021

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*(Department/Presenter)
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**A Bill for an Act to extend the right to vote to
Australian Residents , and for related purposes**

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act is the *Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Restoring Prisoners' Right to Vote) Bill 2021*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day this act receives presidential assent	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the

Schedule 1

Section 1

Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

4 Objects of this Act

The objects of this act are:
To extend the right to vote to Australian residents as defined in the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

5 Simplified Outline of the Act

The Act amends the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 to add Australian Residents defined as a person who holds a permanent visa under the *Migration Act 1958*, as a category of persons who may enroll to vote in Australia.

6 Commonwealth to be bound

- (1) This Act binds the Commonwealth in all its capabilities.
- (2) The Act does not make the Commonwealth liable to be prosecuted for an offence.

7 Extension to external Territories

This Act extends to all external Territories.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Part 1—The Repeals and Amendments

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918

1 Part VII, Section 93, Subsection (1), Paragraph (b), Subparagraph (ii) (B)

Insert after “;”:

“ or”

2 After Part VII, Section 93, Subsection (1), Paragraph (b), Subparagraph (ii) (B)

Insert:

(iii) “Australian Residents;”