

MEDIA RELEASE — 2015 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Information packs mailed to electors required to vote on 2 May

With only a week and a half left until polling day, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission has mailed over 70,000 personally addressed information packs to electors enrolled in the Legislative Council divisions of Derwent, Mersey and Windermere.

The information packs include:

- a brochure containing information about the election including: candidate names, a list of polling places, and how to vote early for those unable to vote on polling day.
- an address card containing the elector's name, address and election roll number.

Electors can bring the address card with them to the polling place so election officials can mark their name on the computerised voter list more quickly.

Time running out for pre-poll and postal voting

Electors who cannot get to a polling place on polling day will have to vote early. Postal vote applications are available:

- at Tasmanian electoral offices,
- at any local post office within the Derwent, Mersey and Windermere divisions,
- by phoning 1800 801 701, or
- online at the TEC website: www.tec.tas.gov.au.

Pre-poll voting is available business days in Hobart at level 2 Telstra Centre, 70 Collins Street, in Launceston at level 1, 87 George Street, in Devonport at St Johns Parish Hall, Fenton Street, and from 27th April to 1 May at the Brighton Civic Centre, 25 Green Point Rd, Bridgewater.

Voting at these elections is compulsory and electors who fail to vote without a valid reason will have to pay a penalty of \$28.

Need a reminder on polling day?

Saturday can be the busiest day of the week. Tasmanian electors can sign up for a free SMS service and they will receive a reminder at 3 pm on polling day. Further information about this service and more can be found at www.tec.tas.gov.au

Polling places are open 8 am – 6 pm.

ENDS — 11 am Wednesday 22 April 2015

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