

Local government elections approaching

Last week, the *Local Government Amendment (Mayoral Candidate Eligibility) Bill 2014* passed the Legislative Council and now awaits the Royal Assent.

The effect of the Bill is that mayoral and deputy mayoral candidates will no longer be required to have previously served on a Tasmanian Council for 12 months.

The Notice of Election for all 29 Tasmanian municipal areas will be published on Saturday 13 September 2014, after which time nominations for all 263 councillor/alderman positions, 29 mayors and 29 deputy mayors will open.

Nominations will close at 12 noon on Monday 29 September 2014 and will be announced at noon the following day, Tuesday 30 September.

A *Candidate Information Booklet* and the nomination form are now available on the TEC's website, or in hard copy by calling the TEC on 1800 801 701.

This year's elections will be Tasmania's first "all-in, all-out" local government elections. Voters will next get a say on who represents them in local government in Spring 2018.

ENDS — 4:30 pm Friday 5 September 2014

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