

Election Campaigns Fund payment claims

Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023

This guideline is issued under section 173(1) of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*, which allows the Tasmanian Electoral Commission to issue guidelines for any matters dealt with in the Act.

Guideline

This guideline sets out the “approved manner” of vouching for all expenditure claimed under section 137 of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*.

Claims for payment from the Election Campaigns Fund by eligible registered parties and independent House of Assembly candidates are to include the following **details** for each amount of Assembly campaign electoral expenditure being claimed:

- The date the expenditure was incurred
- The dollar amount of the expenditure
- The name of supplier or service provider of the expenditure
- The invoice or receipt number
- A description of the product or service provided, and
- A copy of the invoice, receipt or logbook entry (whichever applies) for the expenditure.

Claims for payment from the Election Campaigns Fund must also include the same **evidence** required to vouch for electoral expenditure disclosed in an election campaign return as is described in Regulations 9 and 10 of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Regulations 2025*.

In the application of this guideline, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission may consider the submission of a complete election campaign return under section 71 of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* as meeting the evidence requirements of this guideline. In practice, an Election Campaigns Fund claim will therefore need to

be lodged either after the end of the relevant election campaign period (so an account statement for the period can be provided), or after the lodgement of an election campaign return (if relied upon for required evidence).

The approved form **Election Campaigns Fund payment claim** reflects this guideline.

This applies to all claims for payments (excluding advance payments) from the Election Campaigns Fund made in accordance with the following part of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*:

- Part 11 – Public Funding of Assembly Election Campaigns

Note: this guideline intends to align the evidence required by the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* and the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Regulations 2025* for the disclosure of electoral expenditure, with the evidence required by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission for the public funding and payment of electoral expenditure from the Election Campaigns Fund. This alignment will support fair and transparent public funding for House of Assembly elections, per the Objects of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*.