

## Approved Procedure

Required by the *Electoral Act 2004*, section 123

Approved by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission on 12 April 2005

For the purposes of section 123 of the *Electoral Act 2004*, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission approve the following procedure:

Procedure if elector has spoilt ballot paper.

If a voter, before depositing their ballot paper in the ballot box, claims that they have spoilt it by mistake or accident, an election official is to:

- take back the spoilt ballot paper;
- fold the ballot paper in half and cancel it by writing the word 'Spoilt' across the back;
- place the 'Spoilt' ballot paper in an envelope provided by the Commissioner for the purpose;
- seal the envelope and sign it in the space provided;
- retain the envelope for later counting in accordance with section 141;
- issue a new ballot paper to the elector.