

Approved Procedure

Required by the *Electoral Act 2004*, section 132(a)

Approved by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission on 12 April 2005

For the purposes of section 132(a) of the *Electoral Act 2004*, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission approve the following procedure:

Procedure for voting while outside Tasmania but within Australia

The Commissioner may arrange with the Commissioner of another electoral authority in Australia for that Authority to provide a pre-poll voting facility for Tasmanian electors who wish to vote at an Assembly or Council election while outside Tasmania.

A person who is entitled to vote at an election in a division may, if he or she will be unable to attend a polling place on polling day, lodge a declaration vote at a pre-poll voting facility arranged by the Commissioner.

The provisions of section 116, 117 and 118 of the *Electoral Act 2004* and the relevant approved forms and procedures apply to a person voting at such a pre-poll voting facility as if the person were entitled to vote under section 115(2).

Votes cast under this procedure are to be forwarded to the office of the Commission by post or air freight, as approved by the Commissioner, for distribution to the appropriate returning officers.

In accordance with section 134, any vote cast by an elector and transmitted to the Commission in accordance with this procedure is to be counted with the postal votes for the election.