

2011 Legislative Council election dates announced

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission today announced the timetable for the 2011 Legislative Council elections to be held in the divisions of Derwent, Launceston, Murchison and Rumney.

Periodic elections are due in Launceston, Murchison and Rumney after the elapse of six years. A by-election is expected in Derwent following the announcement of the Honourable Michael Aird MLC that he will tender his resignation to His Excellency the Governor on 31 March 2011.

The Legislative Council is the upper house of our State Parliament and voting is compulsory for electors in these divisions.

It is expected that His Excellency the Governor will issue writs with the following dates—

- Issue of writs and close of electoral rolls 6 pm Monday 4 April 2011
- Nominations close 12 noon Thursday 14 April 2011
- Announcement of nominations..... 12 noon Friday 15 April 2011
- Polling day..... 8 am – 6 pm Saturday 7 May 2011

Information about previous Legislative Council elections can be found on our website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

Attachment:

Division descriptions

ENDS — 2:00 pm Wednesday 9 March 2011

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Division descriptions

Please note that these descriptions are necessarily general. Maps of the divisions are available on the TEC website, and individual electors are invited to call the TEC on 1800 801 701 to clarify their enrolment.

Division of Derwent

Derwent takes in

- Derwent Valley municipal area
- Brighton municipal area
- part of Glenorchy City municipal area north of Faulkners Rivulet and west of the main railway line including Granton, Austins Ferry and parts of Claremont
- part of Central Highlands municipal area south west of Pine and Ouse Rivers including Derwent Bridge, Bronte Park, Tarraleah, Ouse and Hamilton

Division of Launceston

Launceston takes in central and southern parts of Launceston City municipal area, including Youngtown, Punchbowl and Kings Meadows, and most of South Launceston, East Launceston, Newstead, Norwood and Prospect. It also includes Prospect Vale, Blackstone Heights, Travellers Rest and Hadspen from the Meander Valley municipal area.

Division of Murchison

Murchison takes in the municipal areas of Circular Head, King Island, Waratah-Wynyard and West Coast. It also includes part of the Burnie City municipal area lying generally west of Shorewell Creek.

Division of Rumney

Rumney includes the municipal areas of Sorell and Tasman, as well as that part of the Clarence City municipal area lying generally east of the Meehan range