

MEDIA RELEASE — 2011 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## Statement concerning division of Rumney election

There is a mathematical possibility of any of Penelope Ann, Paul Mason, Tony Mulder and Lin Thorp winning the division of Rumney election.

Given that there is a significant probability that the final two candidates will be Tony Mulder and Lin Thorp, I have requested the returning officer for Rumney, Ms Maree Fasoli, to conduct a “two candidate preferred” count based on this scenario.

The “two candidate preferred” count will indicate the potential outcome of the election if Mr Mulder and Ms Thorp are indeed the two unexcluded candidates once it is possible to carry out a full distribution of preferences.

It should under no circumstances be regarded as an official outcome of the division of Rumney election.

“Two candidate preferred” counts are routinely conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission at House of Representatives elections. They do not always accurately predict the eventual outcome of an election. In the Tasmanian context, the initial “two candidate preferred” count for the division of Denison in 2010 did not reflect the eventual outcome of that election.

The official outcome can only be determined after outstanding votes are received and the full distribution of preferences is carried out.

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ENDS — 11:00 am Sunday 8 May 2011

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For further information — Julian Type ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER