

Information packs mailed to every elector who has to vote on Saturday 5 May

With only one week to polling day, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission has mailed almost 50,000 personally addressed information packs to electors enrolled in the Legislative Council divisions of Hobart and Western Tiers.

The information packs include:

- a brochure containing information about the election including a map of the division, details of the candidates, a list of polling places, and how to vote early for those unable to vote on polling day.
- an address card containing the elector's name, address and election roll number.

Electors can bring the address card with them to the polling place to make it quicker for election officials to mark their name on the computerised voter list.

Last week for pre-poll and postal voting

Electors who cannot get to a polling place on polling day will have to vote early—either in person or by post.

Anyone needing to apply for a postal vote should hurry. Postal vote application forms are available from Tasmanian electoral offices or any local post office within Hobart and Western Tiers divisions, by phoning 13 23 26, or can be downloaded from the Tasmanian Electoral Commission website at www.tec.tas.gov.au.

Pre-poll voting is available at Hobart, Launceston and Burnie.

Voting at these elections is compulsory and electors who fail to vote without a valid reason will have to pay a penalty of \$26.

ENDS — 4:00 pm Friday 27 April 2012

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