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WRITS ISSUED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING REFERENDUM AND FREMANTLE BY-ELECTION, FINAL DATE FOR ENROLMENT ANNOUNCED

The WA Electoral Commission today announced that the writs directing the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the Daylight Saving Referendum and the Fremantle District By-Election on Saturday 16 May have been issued. The writs set out key elements of the timetable for these polls. The final date Western Australians can enrol to vote in both the Referendum and the By-Election is Friday 17 April. Voting in both polls on 16 May is compulsory.

Commenting on the issuing of the writs, WA Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately said:

‘The issuing of the writs means that Western Australians have only over a week to ensure that they are correctly enrolled to vote. They also have just over five weeks to decide whether to vote Yes or No to Daylight Saving. I expect the Yes and No arguments for the Daylight Saving Referendum to be provided by 16 April 2009.

‘I appreciate we are about to go into the Easter break and that many Western Australians will have other priorities, but to make their vote count they must move quickly to ensure they’re correctly enrolled, especially those who have moved house or turned 18 since the last State general election.’

The WAEC Information Line opens today and will handle all enquiries on the Referendum and the Fremantle District By-Election, including enrolment. The Information Line number is 13 63 06. Electors can check their enrolment details by telephoning this number or looking on the WAEC website at www.waec.wa.gov.au and entering their details. Enrolments must be lodged and received by the Commission by 6pm on Friday 17 April and must be made on the official enrolment form that is available at any Post Office, at most Australian Electoral Commission divisional offices, by downloading it from the Commission’s website or obtaining a copy by calling the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

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