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## WA ELECTORAL COMMISSION ANTICIPATES STRONG TURNOUT FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING REFERENDUM

The Daylight Saving trial has just concluded and the referendum is still some six weeks away, but early indications are that there will be a strong turnout of WA electors eager to have their say on an issue which has generated considerable community debate.

WA Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately said today that since the 16<sup>th</sup> May date was announced by the Government, public enquiries regarding referendum matters have grown steadily.

“Following the announcement the Commission has been averaging some 50 telephone calls per day on referendum-related issues, sometimes up to 70; however earlier this week calls jumped to well over 100, primarily concerned with early voting,” he said.

“And email enquiries to the Commission now total over 400.

“Postal vote applications too have progressively increased and the Commission now is averaging 100 applications a day from voters who will be unable to attend a polling place on 16<sup>th</sup> May, and to date over 1800 applications have been received.

“Further, there has been a significant increase in enrolment activity and since the last State general election, only some six months ago, the electoral roll has grown by 11,621 eligible electors.

“It all augurs well for a strong turnout on polling day.”

Given the high level of public interest in the referendum, Mr Gately has urged eligible Western Australian electors not to miss out on having their say on the issue by acting promptly to ensure their enrolment details were up to date, or that they were on the electoral roll.

The roll will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Voters can check their enrolment details or obtain information on postal voting and early in person voting from the WAEC website at [www.waec.wa.gov.au](http://www.waec.wa.gov.au) or by calling the information line on 13 63 06.

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