



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission

# MEDIA RELEASE

## ROLL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CLOSES NEXT WEEK

Whilst the October 17<sup>th</sup> local government elections may be some two months away, the roll for those elections closes in just over a week (5.00pm, 28<sup>th</sup> August) and WA Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately is urging the public to ensure they can have a say in how their local community is run.

Appealing to the State's 1.3 million eligible local government electors Mr Gately said today: "Your local council makes decisions that affect where you live and how you live, and soon your vote will decide who sits on that council.

"I urge you all to ensure now that your details are up to date and that you can be part of the process that determines how your community progresses over the next few years.

"For those who are not currently on the roll, especially young people who might recently have turned 18 or have yet to enrol, this is the opportunity to have a say on the local issues that matter to you.

"And whilst voting in local government elections is voluntary, such an opportunity will not be available again for at least two years, so it is important to make certain you can and do vote."

Enrolment details can be checked, or enrolment forms obtained, by going to the WAEC website at [www.waec.wa.gov.au](http://www.waec.wa.gov.au) or by calling 9214 0400.

Following the close of the electoral roll at 5:00 pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, candidate nominations will open on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and close a week later at 4:00 pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Over half of Western Australia's 139 local authorities have opted for the WA Electoral Commission to conduct their local council elections on 17<sup>th</sup> October – 28 in the metropolitan area and 43 from regional WA, representing over 90% of electors eligible to vote in these elections.

For these councils the method of voting will be by postal voting (except for Broome and Halls Creek where the Commission will run in-person voting).

Postal voting packs will be delivered during the week of 21<sup>st</sup> September.

For further information visit the WAEC website at [www.waec.wa.gov.au](http://www.waec.wa.gov.au)

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