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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION POSTAL VOTING PACKS ARRIVING THIS WEEK

This week many households throughout the State will receive postal voting packages for the October local government elections.

The Western Australian Electoral Commission estimates that in the next three to four days over one million packages will be delivered to electors in the 59 client councils that opted for the Commission to conduct their postal voting – representing over 90% of electors eligible to vote on October 17th.

The Commission urges electors to keep an eye out for the postal voting pack in their letterbox and recommends that if an elector has not received a pack by Thursday 1st October 2009, or they have other questions about postal voting, they call the Commission's Call Centre on 1300 661 136.

The postal pack should contain:

- A voting guide in a number of languages
- A ballot paper for the election of councillors
- A ballot paper for the election of Mayor (if applicable)
- Profiles of the local candidates; this being a tear-off page attached to the ballot paper
- An elector certificate in the form of an envelope that must be signed and into which the completed ballot paper should be inserted
- A reply paid envelope in which to mail the certificate, including the ballot paper, back to the Returning Officer

The ballot paper needs to be completed and returned by 6pm, Saturday 17th October to be included in the count.

Electors are encouraged to mark their ballot paper and return it as soon as possible so that they do not miss out on having a say on the composition of their local council.

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Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner, 23rd September 2009

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