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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE NOW

With only days to go to the October 17th local government elections the Western Australian Electoral Commission is urging those electors who have yet to have their say in these important elections to act immediately.

“In Australia’s three tiers of government local government has a significant impact on the everyday life of citizens, with councils making decisions that affect the community where they live and indeed how they live,” said WA Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately today.

“I therefore urge those electors who have yet to decide who they wish to represent them on council to complete their ballot papers for Saturday’s local government elections with some urgency and thus have their say on how their community progresses in the coming years.

“With four days to the election there is still sufficient time to return ballot papers, but I remind electors, especially in rural or remote areas, that envelopes must be with the Commission by 6pm, Saturday 17th October to be included in the count and therefore they should be mindful of mail delivery times.

“And if any electors are yet to received a postal voting pack they should immediately go to their local council offices where replacement postal voting packs are available, or call the Commission’s Call Centre on 1300 661 136.”

By this morning, with four days to polling day, nearly 300,000 ballot papers had been returned to the Commission’s processing centre at Fremantle, an increase of more than 8000 over the number received at the same point in the election cycle in 2007.

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