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Electoral Act 2017

APPROVAL OF THE MANNER AND FORM OF POSTAL VOTE APPLICATION

- 1. Section 143(1) of the *Electoral Act 2017* (**the Act**) provides that an elector who will be unable to attend at a voting centre on election day may apply to the Electoral Commissioner to vote by post.
- 2. Section 143(2) of the Act provides that applications made under s 143 of the Act must be made in the approved manner and form.
- 3. Section 4 of the Act defines 'approved' as 'approved by the Electoral Commissioner.'
- **4.** I approve the Online Postal Voting Application system as an approved manner and form of applying to vote by post.

John Schmidt Electoral Commissioner

12 January 2023

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- 3. Section 4 of the Act defines 'approved' as 'approved by the Electoral Commissioner.'
- 4. I approve an application made by telephone to a person who is performing the functions of an Elector Enquiry Centre operator, Email Escalation Team operator or Centralised Postal Vote Count Centre Enquiries officer as an approved manner and form of applying to vote by post. The Elector Enquiry Centre operator or Email Escalation Team operator will record the application using the Online Postal Vote Application (Admin) system.

John Schmidt Electoral Commissioner

3 February 2023

Electoral Act 2017

STATE GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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- 4. I approve the application set out by Schedule A (SE.300 Postal vote application) and the application set out by Schedule B (SE.300A Postal vote application for candidates and parties) as an approved manner and form of applying to vote by post.

John Schmidt
Electoral Commissioner

30 November 2022

SCHEDULE A - SE.300 POSTAL VOTE APPLICATION



SE.300

Postal vote application

NSW State election

How to apply?



Apply online at opva.elections.nsw.gov.au or scan the QR code.



Complete this form and post it to: NSW Electoral Commissioner Centralised Postal Vote Count Centre Locked Bag 5051, ALEXANDRIA NSW 2015

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How to complete this form

- 1. Complete all details in BLOCK letters using a blue or black pen.
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What happens next?

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Political parties and candidates may also send out postal vote applications directly to voters, which are sometimes accompanied by their electoral material and a reply paid envelope. If you choose to return your completed application to the party or candidate, they must forward your form to us for processing. Please note, we do not control what a party or candidate does with any personal information it may collect from you. You do not have to send an application form back to the party or candidate. Instead, you can return it directly to the NSW Electoral Commission via the methods above or you can apply directly to us, visit elections nsw.gov.au

Further information

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Online

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APPROVAL OF POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE

- 1. The Electoral Commissioner has determined that postal voting at the 2023 general election is to be conducted under the *Electoral Act 2017* ('the Act'), Part 7, Division 10 as modified by Schedule 8 to the Act.¹
- 2. Sections 144(a) and 145(2)(a) of the Act, as modified by clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 8 to the Act respectively provide that registered early voters (postal) and those applicants entitled to vote by post must be delivered or posted a postal vote certificate in the approved form.
- 3. Section 4 of the Act defines 'approved' as 'approved by the Electoral Commissioner.'
- **4.** I approve the form of the postal vote certificate set out by Schedule A (SE.301 Postal vote certificate).

Jøhn Schmidt Electoral Commissioner

25 November 2022

¹ "2023 State general election Determination regarding the conduct of postal voting" LD2022-9410.

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SCHEDULE A - SE.301 POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE

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Postal vote certificate

Section 145 of the Electoral Act 2017

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