



## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Don't forget to vote on Wednesday!**

The Norfolk Island general election for nine members of the Legislative Assembly will be held this Wednesday, 21 March. The polling booth at Rawson Hall Supper Room will be open between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Voting is compulsory for persons on the electoral roll.

This will be the first election conducted under the modified voting system introduced by the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly in 2005. The Norfolk Island *Legislative Assembly Act* provides as before that each elector “...shall be entitled to one or more votes being the number of votes equal in number to the number of members to be elected”. This means that for the current election each elector will have nine votes, all of which must be used.

The major change made to the Act in 2005 was that each elector “...shall vote for more than one candidate but shall not, where he (or she) has more than 2 votes, give more than 2 votes to any candidate”. This means that for the 2007 election, an elector will have to vote for at least five and at most nine candidates, with no more than two votes for any single candidate. The ballot paper will have two boxes next to each candidate’s name to allow voters to signify up to two votes for that candidate.

Any enquiries about arrangements for voting should be directed to Returning Officer Mitchell Evans on 22140 or in person at the Bicentennial Centre in office hours.

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