

AEC SRC002758 Polling Place Technology

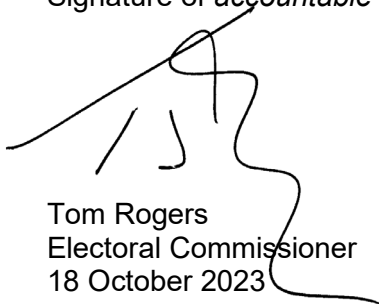
Public Interest Certificate

This *public interest certificate* is issued under section 22(1) of the *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018* (Act).

I hereby state that it is not in the public interest for the following procurement(s) by the Australian Electoral Commission (the AEC) to be suspended while complaints under section 18 of the Act are being investigated or while applications for injunctions under Part 2 of the Act are being considered.

AusTender ID(s)	ATM ID AEC SRC002758
Procuring Entity	The Australian Electoral Commission
Contact Officer	pollingplacetech@aec.gov.au
Category (UNSPSC)	81112500.
Description	<p>The polling place technology procurement relates to a technology solution that provides laptops, printers, and connectivity solutions that are used at polling places during an electoral event.</p> <p>The AEC’s existing contract with the current polling place technology solution provider expires on 30 June 2024 and that contract is not capable of extension without triggering a new procurement.</p> <p>The complex and sophisticated nature of the AEC’s requirements means that a secondary procurement which might be required to be run for replacement services is unlikely to be feasible in the time available.</p> <p>These services are critical for the AEC to deliver a federal election. Therefore, any suspension of the polling place technology procurement would seriously disrupt the AEC’s ability to conduct the 2024/25 federal election in accordance with its responsibilities under the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i> (Cth) (the Act).</p>

Signature of *accountable authority*/delegate:



Tom Rogers
Electoral Commissioner
18 October 2023