2016 Torres Strait Regional Authority Election
How to apply

You can apply for a postal vote from the Returning Officer.

By mail: If you are applying by mail you must post your application to
Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box 1146
CAIRNS QLD 4870

However, you should keep in mind that the application should reach the Returning Officer by the last mail clearance on 28 July 2016 (the Thursday before polling day) to allow for the voting material to be sent to you for completion and posting before the close of poll.

In person: You can go to the Returning Office to lodge this application at:
2nd Floor Commonwealth Centre
104 Grafton Street
CAIRNS CITY

More information: If you need to find out where polling places are, you can ask any Australian Electoral Commission or Torres Strait Regional Authority officer.

Information for an applicant

You can ask for a postal vote if, on polling day:
- you will not be within your enrolled ward;
- you will be more than 8 kilometres from a polling place or mobile polling station in your enrolled ward;
- you will be travelling and cannot get to a polling place in your enrolled ward;
- you are sick or about to have a baby;
- you are looking after someone who is sick or about to have a baby;
- you will be in hospital and you cannot vote there;
- your religion stops you going to a polling place;
- you are in prison or in custody or in detention;
- you will not be able to attend a polling place because of employment responsibilities.

Information for an authorised witness

You can be a witness if your name is on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll.

If you are an authorised witness you must:
- know who the person is;
- watch the person sign the application form; and
- be satisfied that the statements are true and then sign the form, date it and write your name and address.

For any enquiries phone 07 4051 7188
or visit the website at www.aec.gov.au

For the postal vote application page.