APPROVED FORM FOR THE PURPOSES OF DECLARATION VOTING

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918
Paragraph 200F(a), subsections 222(1), 222(1A), 235(2) and 235(5)

Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984
Subsections 37(2), 37(5), paragraph 46(1)(b), subsection 46(1A) and paragraph 73E(a)

I, Tom Rogers, Electoral Commissioner, in exercise of the power under subsection 4(1) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (Electoral Act) and subsection 3(1) of the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984 (Referendum Act), do hereby:

1. REVOKE all previous approved forms made under paragraph 200F(a), subsections 222(1), 222(1A), 235(2) and 235(5) of the Electoral Act and subsections 37(2), 37(5), paragraph 46(1)(b), subsection 46(1A) and paragraph 73E(a) of the Referendum Act;

2. APPROVE the forms that appear in the Schedule to this instrument to be approved forms for the purposes of:

(a) making claims for enrolment under paragraph 98(2)(a) and section 101 of the Electoral Act; and
(b) election related purposes under paragraph 200F(a), subsections 222(1), 222(1A), 235(2) and 235(5) of the Electoral Act and subsections 37(2), 37(5), paragraph 46(1)(b), subsection 46(1A) and paragraph 73E(a) of the Referendum Act;

3. DECLARE that this approved form takes effect from execution.

Tom Rogers
Electoral Commissioner
2 February 2018
SCHEDULE

EF011 – Pre-poll Vote Declaration Envelope
EF012 – Provisional Voting Declaration Envelope
QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PRE-POLL VOTE

The Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (CEA) and/or the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984 (RMPA) provides in summary, that you are entitled to apply for a pre-poll vote if on polling day, you can’t get to a polling place because you:

- are outside the electorate where you are enrolled to vote
- are more than 8km from a polling place
- are travelling
- can’t leave the workplace to vote
- are seriously ill, infirm or due to give birth shortly (or if you are caring for someone who is)
- are a patient in hospital and can’t vote at the hospital
- have religious beliefs that prevent you from attending a polling place
- are in prison serving a sentence of less than three years or are otherwise detained
- are a silent elector
- have a reasonable fear for your safety.

To view the provisions in full, see Schedule 2 of the CEA or Schedule 3 of the RMPA.

ENROLMENT ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to enrol and vote if you are an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984; are 18 years or older; and have lived at your address for at least the past month.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is authorised under the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984 to collect personal information about you. The primary purpose for collecting this information is to determine your eligibility to vote. The information may also be used for other purposes, including determining your eligibility to enrol and to update your enrolment details.

The AEC may disclose your personal information to other Australian Government agencies as well as to other persons or organisations in accordance with the Acts. The AEC may also disclose your personal information to persons and organisations for purposes permitted under the Privacy Act 1988 and/or under any other law.

If you do not provide the information requested in this form, your declaration vote will not be able to be considered in the preliminary scrutiny.

For further information on the AEC’s privacy policy, including the contact details of the AEC’s privacy officer, please see www.aec.gov.au/privacy.

NOTE: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
PROVISIONAL VOTING

In accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and/or the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984, if you are claiming a vote for the Division and:

- your name cannot be found on the certified list of voters, or
- your name is marked as having already been issued with a ballot paper, or
- you are enrolled as a silent elector, or
- your identity could not be established, or
- you are provisionally enrolled,

you may cast a provisional vote.

You will be asked to complete and sign a declaration on a declaration vote envelope in the presence of a polling official. Your ballot papers will be placed inside the envelope.

Your details will be checked against records held in the divisional office before the Divisional Returning Officer decides, on the basis of those records, if your vote can be counted. During this process you may be asked to provide evidence of your identity.

If a decision is made not to count your vote, the Divisional Returning Officer will advise you in writing.

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