



Electoral Commissioner

APPROVED FORM - ALTERNATE WITNESS STATEMENT FOR OVERSEAS POSTAL VOTES

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918
Subsection 194(1A)(a)(ii) and 194(1A)(d)

I, Tom Rogers, Electoral Commissioner, in exercise of the power under subsection 4(1) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act), hereby:

1. **APPROVE:**

- (a) the manner set out in **Schedule 1** to this Instrument for providing an alternate witness statement for the purposes of paragraph 194(1A)(a)(ii) of the Electoral Act; and
- (b) the manner set out in p. 3 of **Schedule 1** to this instrument for providing a copy of the person's passport for the purposes of paragraph 194(1A)(d) of the Electoral Act.

2. **DECLARE** that this instrument takes effect from execution.

Signed by the Electoral Commissioner, 28 January 2022

Tom Rogers
Electoral Commissioner

SCHEDULE 1

The following form sets out the manner for providing:

- an alternate witness statement for the purposes of paragraph 194(1A)(a)(ii) of the Electoral Act; and
- a copy of the person's passport for the purposes of paragraph 191(1A)(d) of the Electoral Act.

Manner of production:

Overseas Postal Vote: Witness declaration alternative

Use this form if:

1. You have received your postal vote pack
2. You are overseas
3. You cannot show the unsigned Postal Vote Certificate and blank ballot paper(s) to an authorised witness.

Your ballot must be cast and this form must be submitted by the close of polling on election day.

Once this form is complete:

1. Complete the ballot paper(s)
2. Review and complete the details on the Postal Vote Certificate
3. Sign the Declaration on the Postal Vote Certificate
4. Write OS Wit Alt in the Signature of Witness box
5. Leave Category of Witness box blank
6. Place the completed ballot paper(s) into the Postal Vote Certificate
7. Return your postal vote to the AEC via the two options outlined in the Guide to Completing your Postal Vote.

My details

Given names



Family name

Email

My postal vote

Where to find the information on your postal vote

Postal vote ID

 AEC <small>Electoral Administration Commission</small>		
POSTAL VOTE		NSYD002399M
To the DRO for the Division of:		NORTH SYDNEY
Issuing Division/ Overseas Post		NORTH SYDNEY
ELECTOR DETAILS		
Your name and claimed enrolled address (as per your application)	Surname	Smith
	Given names	Mona
	62/67 Carabella St	
	KIRIRIBILLI 2061	
OFFICE USE		
PRELIMINARY SCRUTINY		
A Entitlement check		
Yes No		
1	Rec'd on time	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Elector's Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Witness's Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Voted on time	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Postal Vote ID

Please enter your Australian residential postcode of your enrolled address to ensure that this statement is sent to the correct Division.

[How to determine your postcode](#)

Australian residential postcode

Please provide a statement as to why you cannot show the blank certificate and ballot papers to an authorised witness.

Statement (please type directly into the box or paste as plain text)

My passport

You must upload an image of the first page of your passport.

[Passport image requirements](#)

Your passport image must show:

- The country and date of issue
- Passport number
- Name, date of birth and signature, and
- Your photograph.

