Electoral Commissioner

AEC Australian Electoral Commission

APPROVED FORM FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSTAL VOTE APPLICATION

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918
Subsection 184(1)

Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984
Subsection 55(1)

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** approved form *"Postal vote application form"* EF048 08118 18_1087, approved in an instrument dated 15 November 2018;

2. **APPROVE** the form EF048 171221 that appears in the Schedule attached to this instrument to be the approved form for the purposes of:

   Providing a means for a person to apply for a postal vote in writing on the approved form, containing a declaration that they are entitled to apply, under subsection 184(1) of the Electoral Act; and under subsection 55(1) of the Referendum Act.

3. **AUTHORISE** the use of the approved *"Postal vote application form* EF048 171221 nestled with a document that explains the use of that Form and provides a privacy statement and AEC contact details for use by the elector that is from time to time cleared by the relevant Assistant Commissioner, of which the current version appears in Schedule attached to this instrument.

4. **DECLARE** that this approved form takes effect from execution.

Tom Rogers

20 December 2021

SCHEDULE 1

Form No. EF048 171221– Approved form under subsection 184(1) of the Electoral Act and subsection 55(1) of the Referendum Act for the purposes of making a Postal Vote Application

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Ms Miss Mrs Mr Other

Family name

Given names

2. DATE OF BIRTH

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Answer

7. DECLARATION

The person named at part one (1) of this form must personally sign and date below. Please note that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

I declare that I am entitled to apply for a postal vote.

Signature

Today's date / /

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SAMPLE

Am I eligible to vote early?

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- are outside the electorate where you are enrolled to vote
- are more than 8km from a polling place
- are travelling
- can't leave your 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
- have religious beliefs that prevent you from attending a polling place
- are in prison serving a sentence of less than three years or otherwise detained
- are a silent elector
- have a reasonable fear for your safety.

Carefully consider your options as voting early in person may be an easier option than voting by post.

In person

If eligible, you can vote in person before polling day at an early voting centre in Australia or overseas (when available). The locations and opening times of early voting centres are available at **www.aec.gov.au** or by calling **13 23 26**.

By post

You can **apply for a postal vote online** via the AEC website **www.aec.gov.au/pva** or by using this application.

The AEC must receive your application by 6pm on the Wednesday before polling day for your application to be accepted.

Return your completed application as soon as possible. **Ensure you leave enough time to receive and complete your postal vote by polling day, prior to returning to the AEC.**

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Returning your form

Email: **applications@pva.aec.gov.au**

Post: Australian Electoral Commission
Reply Paid 9988
[Your capital city]
(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia)

Fax: 02 8009 0814

In person: **www.aec.gov.au** for your nearest office

For more information

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