



2016 Northern Territory Election

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2016 Legislative Assembly elections

The Northern Territory has fixed four-year terms. The NT Legislative Assembly elections are held on the fourth Saturday in August, every four years.

Election-day for the 2016 event is scheduled for Saturday 27 August 2016. The election timetable is as follows:

ACTIVITY	TIMETABLE
Last day to lodge application for party registration	26 February 2016
The writ is issued	8 August 2016
Electoral roll closes and nominations open	8:00 pm 10 August 2016
Nominations close	12:00 noon 12 August 2016
Nominations declared and draw for ballot paper order determined	Soon as practical after 12:00 noon 12 August 2016
Early + postal voting commences	15 August 2016
Mobile polling commences	17 August 2016
Election Day	27 August 2016
Last day for receipt of postal votes – this may alter depending on the outcome of proposed changes to the <i>Electoral Act</i> currently before Parliament.	6:00pm 2 September 2016
Scrutiny	27 August 2016 until as soon as practical after the last day for the receipt of postal votes

2015 redistribution of electoral boundaries

The Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment has finalised division maps outlining the new electoral boundaries, which will apply at the next Legislative Assembly general election.

These maps are available on the [NTEC website](#) along with sets of composite maps showing the new boundaries. Hard copies can be purchased at a cost of \$27.00 each by contacting the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment on (08) 8995 5392.

Electoral legislation amendment bill (2015)

Election Newsletter No.01, issued in December 2015, contained a link to the NTEC information paper on the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill (2015).

There was an error in the optional preferential voting section of the paper. Page 2 read: 648 votes cast, it should have read: 1447 votes cast. An accurate version of the Bill is on the [NTEC website](#).



Campaign signage on Power and Water Corporation infrastructure

The Power and Water Corporation does not allow campaign material to be placed on their assets including power poles, substations, water tanks and water pipes. Any campaign signage found on Power and Water assets will be removed immediately and stored by the corporation for collection by candidates. For further information, contact the Power and Water Customer Service Centre on 1800 245 092.

Election campaign - advertising requirements

The NTEC reminds potential candidates to familiarise themselves with current policies and guidelines around campaign material requirements and placement. Building/property owners, councils, government agencies and other effected entities must be contacted by the candidate to determine their requirements. NTEC advertising requirements can be found under **Candidates handbooks** on the [NTEC website](#).

Enrolment transactions between the periods 01 July and 31 December 2015

The electoral roll continually changes, reflecting the transient nature of electors in the NT. Over the last six months of 2015, the NT roll had more than 1900 new enrolments with a further 3100 enrolling from interstate. In this same period, a further 3900 transferred their enrolment out of the NT to an interstate address. Full details of these transactions are detailed in the table below.

Enrolment Transactions - 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Division	New Enrolments	Re-Enrolments	Transfer In Intra state	Transfer In Interstate	Re-instatements	Total Additions	Objections	Deaths	Duplications	Transfers Out Intra state	Transfers Out Interstate	Total Deletions
Arafura	20	5	17	27	1	70	0	39	0	64	46	149
Araluen	67	42	107	89	0	305	8	13	0	104	135	260
Amhem	15	1	8	34	0	58	1	29	0	36	51	117
Barkly	26	8	19	29	0	82	1	27	1	36	92	157
Blain	216	111	497	218	0	1042	42	19	2	370	219	652
Braitling	41	40	107	59	0	247	5	13	0	98	140	256
Brennan	162	96	494	293	2	1047	214	9	0	400	313	936
Casuarina	106	33	244	151	0	534	21	21	1	220	163	426
Daly	16	14	102	37	0	169	2	24	0	83	79	188
Drysdale	178	60	369	245	0	852	52	14	0	361	239	666
Fannie Bay	105	57	339	264	0	765	73	16	0	346	274	709
Fong Lim	76	42	266	176	0	560	100	12	1	294	199	606
Goyder	43	31	167	50	1	292	3	21	0	132	156	312
Greatorex	54	25	96	106	0	281	3	8	0	120	160	291
Johnston	101	39	240	117	3	500	142	16	1	290	127	576
Karama	118	48	212	96	0	474	4	12	1	207	132	356
Katherine	31	9	24	82	1	147	4	16	1	63	148	232
Namatjira	17	3	10	35	0	65	1	20	0	30	96	147
Nelson	28	13	128	102	0	271	3	7	1	236	136	383
Nhulunbuy	6	4	22	31	0	63	0	7	0	44	92	143
Nightcliff	110	54	315	192	0	671	58	16	0	303	216	593
Port Darwin	117	78	314	364	0	873	70	9	0	338	348	765
Sanderson	112	55	249	104	2	522	46	8	0	251	127	432
Stuart	24	3	11	20	0	58	0	26	0	28	35	89
Wanguri	124	42	333	179	2	680	70	12	1	233	195	511
Total	1913	913	4690	3100	12	10628	923	414	10	4687	3918	9952

Digital tools for interpreters - update

In the 2012 Legislative Assembly election, two allegations of interpreters attempting to influence voters in language in Nyirripi and Wadeye were referred to the Northern Territory Police. Whilst no conviction was recorded, the case highlighted issues with the consistency of the message provided to electors seeking assistance to vote and training/instruction provided to interpreters.

Digital 'tablet' training tools (in language) are in development to ensure common messaging is provided to electors seeking assistance as well as appropriate training for interpreters. A draft storyboard, on how to cast a formal vote, is attached to this newsletter for comment.

A second storyboard designed to provide training to interpreters on the legal and procedural requirements of providing assistance to electors is in development and will be made available for comment in a subsequent newsletter.

You are invited to provide feedback on the attached [How to cast a formal vote](#) storyboard by **Friday 26 February**.

Contact Greg Hibble with your input via email greg.hibble@nt.gov.au or 8999 7623.

Australia Day citizenship ceremonies in Alice Springs and the Top End

Citizenship ceremonies took place across the country on Australia Day. Staff members attended events hosted by the Alice Springs Town Council, the City of Darwin and City of Palmerston councils. Our latest citizens were warmly welcomed to their new country and guided through the enrolment process. As a result 119 new Australians are now enrolled and eager to make their vote count in upcoming elections.



Photo: Courtesy Alice Springs Town Council



Photos: Courtesy City of Darwin – Community Events