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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first edition of the 2016 Legislative Assembly Election newsletter.

The aim of the publication is to provide stakeholders with election information and provide an avenue for the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) to seek feedback on proposed election activities **e.g.** draft remote mobile schedules.

The newsletter will be produced regularly, with more frequent editions published as we get closer to the election.

### TERRITORIANS ON A ROLL

As at 30 November 2015, a total of 128 637 Territorians are registered on the Northern Territory electoral roll.

This represents an increase of 4832 (4%) compared to the close of roll numbers at the 2012 Legislative Assembly election on 8 August 2012.

DIVISION	DATE		VAR.	DIVISION	DATE		VAR.
	8 Aug 2012	30 Nov 2015			8 Aug 2012	30 Nov 2015	
Arafura	5 477	5 320	-157	Greathorex	4 606	4 114	-492
Araluen	4 817	4 381	-436	Johnston	4 879	5 209	330
Arnhem	4 902	4 870	-32	Karama	4 713	5 163	450
Barkly	5 137	4 875	-262	Katherine	5 174	4 964	-210
Blain	4 980	6 709	1 729	Namatjira	5 127	5 209	82
Braitling	4 687	4 183	-504	Nelson	4 715	4 465	-250
Brennan	5 061	6 120	1 059	Nhulunbuy	4 719	3 959	-760
Casuarina	5 031	5 484	453	Nightcliff	4 797	5 269	472
Daly	5 329	5 391	62	Port Darwin	4 730	5 374	644
Drysdale	5 178	5 924	746	Sanderson	5 100	5 477	377
Fannie Bay	4 879	5 669	790	Stuart	4 706	4 507	-199
Fong Lim	4 883	4 779	-104	Wanguri	4 855	5 809	954
Goyder	5 323	5 413	90				
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123 805</b>	<b>128 637</b>	<b>4 832</b>

Source: AEC Roll Management System

### 2015 NT REDISTRIBUTION



The new boundaries from the 2015 NT Redistribution do not take effect until the next Legislative Assembly election.

As any Legislative Assembly by-election held before the next election would be conducted on current electoral boundaries, the roll management system will continue to show elector data on the current boundaries until the new boundaries become effective.

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## REMOTE MOBILE POLLING

The NTEC has entered into an agreement with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to assist in the delivery of remote mobile polling at the next Legislative Assembly election.

The concept is for DHS to supply two field staff to work with a NTEC appointed Team Leader on remote mobile teams using their vehicles and transport contracts. The NTEC will provide training to DHS staff who will be appointed to carry out the functions of polling officials.

DHS has undertaken similar arrangements with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in the 2013 federal election in the NT and the 2014 further Western Australia Senate election.

The agreement enables access to a modern 4WD fleet, computerised vehicle tracking systems, field staff experienced in working with remote communities and using DHS logistical expertise to coordinate remote mobile polling.

## DIGITAL TOOLS FOR INTERPRETERS

In the 2012 Legislative Assembly election two allegations of interpreters attempting to influence voters in language in Nyirripi and Wadeye referred to the Northern Territory Police. The allegation in Nyirripi was found by police to be unsubstantiated; however, the interpreter in Wadeye was charged and the matter dealt with in court. Whilst no conviction was recorded, the case highlighted issues with the instructions and training provided to interpreters.

To ensure common messaging to electors seeking assistance on how to cast a formal vote and appropriate training for interpreters, two digital training tools displayed on tablets are being developed. The first product will provide electors who seek assistance an approved message, in language, on how to cast a formal vote. The second product will provide training to interpreters, also in language, on the legal and procedural requirements of providing assistance to electors.

To ensure transparency on the message to electors and training to interpreters, draft scripts will be circulated to stakeholders for comment before the digital tools are produced.

## ON-LINE ENROLMENT

Hard copy enrolment forms will no longer be available from ATO, Centrelink and Medicare (DHS) or other federal government offices from Friday 18 December 2015.

Electors are encouraged to enrol online at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

## ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (2015)

A NTEC information paper on the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill (2015), tabled in parliament on Wednesday 2 December 2015, is available on the [website](#). The paper discusses the likely impact of the proposed amendments and other relevant issues for consideration before the Bill is debated in 2016.



## CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission offices in Darwin and Alice Springs will be closed over Christmas and New Year from Friday 25 December 2015 until Friday 1 January 2016.

Both offices will re-open in the New Year from Monday 4 January 2016.

NTEC Management and Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.