

VOTING DEADLINE LOOMS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Electoral Commissioner David Kerslake has issued a final reminder to Western Australians to make sure they cast their vote in the Local Government elections.

'Councils make a wide range of important decisions that affect us all, so we all should have our say in how we want our local community to be run', Mr Kerslake said.

Postal voting packages have been sent out progressively over the past few weeks and already over 350,000 completed ballot papers have been returned.

'This is a pleasing increase compared with the same stage at the previous elections', but we are hoping for a lot more yet', he said.

Electors have only until 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 21 October for their votes to be returned.

'To allow time for mail delivery, it is important for electors to post back their ballot papers now, without delay'.

The last-minute option is for electors to drop their ballot material into their local council office in person.

Further information is available on the Electoral Commission website <u>www.elections.wa.gov.au</u> or by calling 13 63 06.

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