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MEDIA RELEASE

Nominations closing for Local government elections

With the deadline for nominations fast approaching, Electoral Commissioner David Kerslake has urged Western Australians to consider nominating for election to their local council.

Electors in 139 councils across the State will soon be voting for their representatives, with nominations closing at 4 p.m. on Thursday 14 September.

“Local councils make important decisions that affect our everyday lives. It is therefore important to have quality candidates for these positions”, Mr Kerslake said.

Mr Kerslake said that he was pleased that the number of candidates was already higher than at the corresponding stage at the last Local Government elections.

“We have already received over 600 nominations and are gearing up for rush hour, with candidates often waiting until the last day to submit their forms. Just don’t leave it until too late”, he said.

Information about the nomination process and contact details for each Returning Officer is available on the Electoral Commission website www.waec.wa.gov.au.

Typically, successful candidates are elected for a period of four years.

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The draw for positions on the ballot paper will be conducted by each Returning Officer, generally at the local council office and commencing soon after the close of nominations. Members of the media are welcome to attend.

Enquiries to media@waec.wa.gov.au

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