Western Australian Electoral Commission

2025 State General Election

Formality of Ballot Papers Guide



INTRODUCTION

Ballot papers for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council will only be included in the count of votes where the ballot paper has satisfied formality requirements as established by the *Electoral Act 1907* (The Act). Ballot papers sent to postal voters will have the word postal included in their title.

For Legislative Assembly ballot papers relevant sections of the *Act* include sections 98C, 139, 140 and 140A. For Legislative Council ballot papers relevant sections of the *Act* include 98D, 98E, 146E, 146EA, 146EB and 146EC.

Understanding these formality requirements can be confusing.

This publication is to assist electoral officials, candidates, scrutineers and electors better understand and apply the requirements during their respective roles.

Ballot paper formality principles

When assessing ballot paper formality, the following principles apply:

1. Favour the Franchise

In the situation where the voter has tried to submit a formal vote, (i.e. the ballot paper is not blank or defaced) questions of formality should wherever possible be resolved in the voter's favour.

2. Only have regard to what is written on the ballot paper

The intention of the voter must be quite clear. Do not assume what the voter was trying to do if it is not clear – only consider what is written on the ballot paper.

3. The ballot paper should be considered as a whole By considering the number in each square as one in a series, not as an isolated number, a poorly formed number MAY be recognisable as the one missing from the series.

Incorrect district and postal/non postal ballot papers

If a ballot paper for another district is found mixed in with ballot papers for the district being counted it is considered informal.

Similarly, if a postal ballot paper is found with nonpostal ballot papers, or conversely a non-postal ballot paper is found with postal ballot papers it is considered informal.

Authentic ballot paper

Ballot papers are printed on official paper carrying a watermark image or other security features. However, on rare occasions ballot papers may be produced locally by a Presiding Officer due to operational necessity and are not necessarily informal. Ballot papers so produced (e.g. by photocopying an unused ballot paper) must be initialled by the Presiding Officer or Issuing Officer on the back.

Where the Phone Assisted Voting (PAV) system is being used, completed Legislative Assembly vote records (ballot papers) are printed after close of poll at the Processing Centre on special security paper.

Determining formality

The scrutiny and count of all ballot papers is undertaken in a prescribed manner. After the close of the poll the officer conducting the count (Assistant Returning Officer) will review the ballot papers as to their formality and either reject or admit the ballot paper to the count.

Scrutineers have a right to challenge the admission or rejection of any ballot paper at the scrutiny. The grounds for a challenge may be the formality or informality of the ballot paper.

A ballot paper so challenged is to be endorsed on the back as "admitted" or "rejected" and initialled by the officer conducting the count. If rejected, the officer is to affix a sticker to the back indicating the reason for rejection.

Subsequently, determining the formality or otherwise of any ballot paper is the responsibility of the Returning Officer, either during a fresh scrutiny or at any time before the declaration of the poll, and may only be varied thereafter by a Court of Disputed Returns.

Legislative Assembly

1. Formality of Legislative Assembly ballot papers

1.1 Informal ballot papers

Ballot papers are informal when:

- · totally blank;
- the number '1' appears against two or more names;
- two or more names have been left unnumbered;
- marked in any way by which the voter can be identified, e.g. the voter may have signed the ballot paper and the signature identifies the voter; or
- are otherwise marked inconsistent with the requirements of the Act and the voter's intention remains unclear.

Alterations to the numbers do not make a ballot paper informal provided the voter's intention is clear.

If an elector initials their ballot paper in such a way that does not identify the elector, it does not make the ballot paper informal. Conversely, if the initials do identify the name of the elector that the ballot paper must be considered informal.

1.2 Two Candidate ballot paper

In the unlikely event that a Legislative Assembly ballot paper comprises only two candidates, a further series of sample formal and informal ballot paper images will be distributed

1.3 Challenge by Scrutineers

If a ballot paper is challenged by a scrutineer, under section 138 of the *Act*, the ballot paper is endorsed on the back as 'admitted' or 'rejected' and initialled by the officer conducting the count.

Subsequently, determining the formality or otherwise of any ballot paper is the responsibility of the Returning Officer and thereafter may only be varied by a Court of Disputed Returns.

Examples of Legislative Assembly ballot papers and how their formality is assessed are illustrated on the following pages.

Western Australia	Ballot Paper				
Election of one member of the Legis	slative Assembly				
DISTRICT					
Number the squares from 1 in the order of your choice.	to 4				
BROWN, Norman Clear Future Party	1				
JONES, Grace United People's Party	2				
WILSON, Sam Stability Party	3				
WIRGYING, Yorgar	4				
REMEMBER					

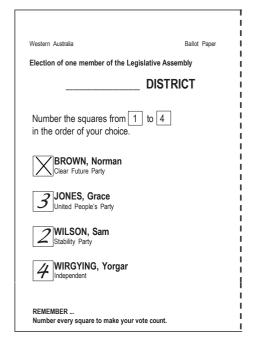
FORMAL

A voter does not necessarily have to mark their preferences in the squares, providing the order of preference is clear.

Ballot Paper
Legislative Assembly
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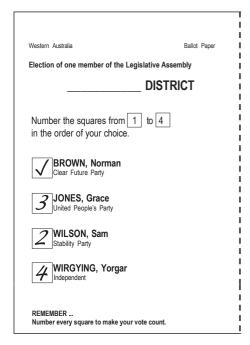
FORMAL

The voter's intention with respect to the first three preferences is clear and only one square has been left blank. The ballot paper is then set aside as exhausted after the 3rd preference.



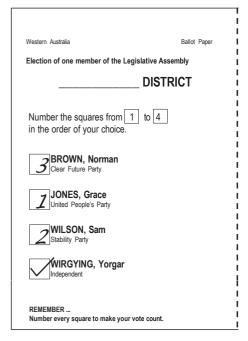
INFORMAL

The voter's intention is not clear. In this context the X is ambiguous.



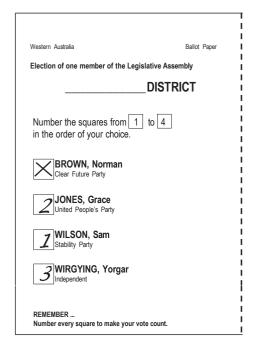
FORMAL

The voter's intention is clear and unambiguous. The √ is a positive indicator of choice.



INFORMAL

The voter's intention is not clear. In this context, the \checkmark is ambiguous.



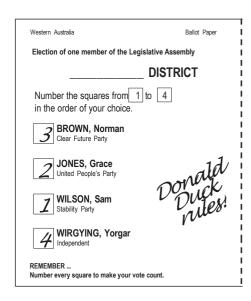
INFORMAL

The voter's intention is not clear. In this context, the X is ambiguous.

Western Australia Ballot Paper Election of one member of the Legislative Assembly DISTRICT Number the squares from 1 to 4 in the order of your choice. BROWN, Norman Clear Future Party JONES, Grace United People's Party - WILSON, Sam Stability Party WIRGYING, Yorgar Independent REMEMBER ... Number every square to make your vote count.

FORMAL

All squares are numbered and the first and second choices are clear. The ballot paper is set aside as exhausted after the second preference (ss. 140A(1)(b) & 144(2)(fa) of the Act).



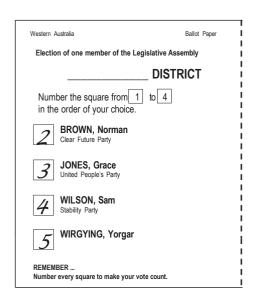
FORMAL OR INFORMAL

Other marks on the ballot paper do not detract from the voter's clear expression of the order of preference. In some circumstances, however, the ballot paper may be informal if, for example, the voter's writing can be identified especially at polling places with a low ordinary ballot paper issue or if the writing is distinctive in some other way.

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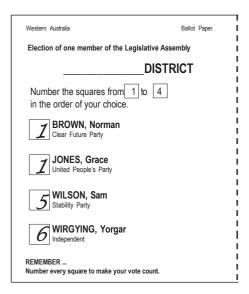
FORMAL

The voter's intention with respect to the order of preference is clear. The alphabetical sequence indicates a preference order (s.140(2)of the Act).



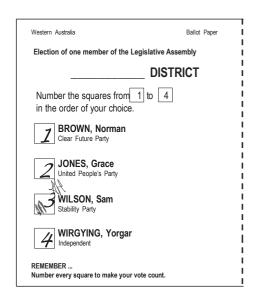
INFORMAL

No first preference indicated. It is not possible to be sure for whom the voter intended to allocate first preference.



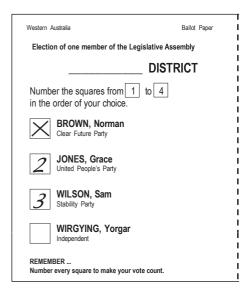
INFORMAL

A first preference has been indicated twice.



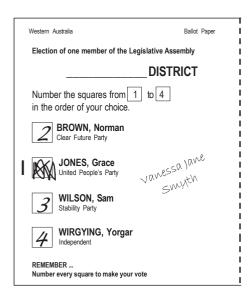
FORMAL OR INFORMAL

Formal if the voter's initials are unable to be identified by count staff. May be informal if the voter can be identified, especially at polling places with a low ordinary ballot paper issue.



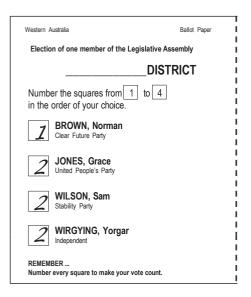
INFORMAL

The voter's intention with respect to preferences is not clear.



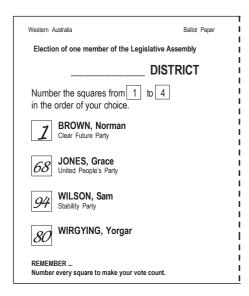
INFORMAL

The identity of the voter can be determined.



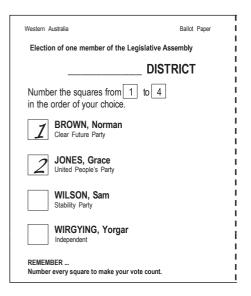
FORMAL

The first choice is formal, then set aside as exhausted (ss.140A(1)(b)&(f), 140A and 144(2)(fa) of the Act).



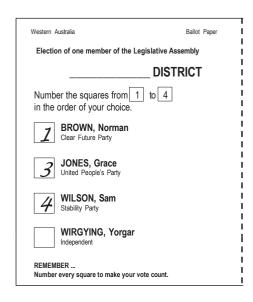
FORMAL

The first choice is formal then set aside as exhausted (ss. 140A(1)(b) and 144(2) (fa)of the Act).



INFORMAL

Two vacant squares (s.140A(1)(b) of the Act).



FORMAL

The first choice is formal and only one square has been left blank. The ballot paper is then set aside as exhausted after the first preference (ss. 140A(1)(b) and 144(2) (fa) of the Act).

Legislative Council

2. FORMALITY OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BALLOT PAPERS

2.1 Marking Legislative Council Ballot Papers

Voters are given two options. They may indicate their vote:

- Above-the-Line (ATL): Marking the number 1 in the square above the party or group of their first choice. They may also make more choices, if they want to, in order of their preference starting from the number 2; or
- **Below-the-Line (BTL)**: Marking the number 1 to 20 in consecutive numbers in the squares to the left of the candidate's names. Further numbers may be marked starting from the number 21.

On election night the indicative Legislative Council Count consists of a count of above-the-line votes with a single 1 marked only.

2.2 Informal Ballot Papers

Legislative Council ballot papers are informal when:

- totally blank;
- marked in any way by which the voter can be identified, e.g. the voter may have signed the ballot paper and the signature identifies the voter (an initial that does not identify the elector does not make the ballot paper informal); or are marked inconsistent with the requirements of the *Act* and the voter's intention remains unclear.

2.2.1 Informal Votes - ATL

Legislative Council ballot papers are informal when one or more first preference marks have been placed above-theline.

For example:

- · the number 1 appears more than once;
- the number 1 in combination with a cross (x) or a

tick (√) appears;

- a tick (√) and a cross (x) appear;
- a tick (✓) appears more than once; or
- a cross (x) appears more than once.

Note: The number 1 by itself, a tick (\checkmark) by itself or a cross (x) by itself is formal.

2.2.2 Informal Preference Votes (BTL)

Legislative Council preference ballot papers are informal if marked below-the-line and:

- the number 1 does not appear against any candidate's name (a tick or cross is not acceptable unless the order of preferences is clear);
- · any number is repeated against two or more candidates' names; or
- · Less than 20 squares are numbered.

Note: Alterations to the numbers do not make a ballot paper informal providing the voter's intention is clear, additionally, an electors' initials that do not identify the elector does not make the ballot paper informal.

2.3 Ballot papers marked both above and below-the-line

Where a voter has marked both the above-the-line and the below-the-line preferential options, the ballot paper is treated as follows:

- when both are marked correctly (the ballot paper is formal), count the below-the-line candidate preference votes;
- when only one is formal, count the formal selection (i.e. if the preferences above-the-line are entered correctly, but incorrectly below-the-line, the preferences above-the-line are counted and conversely if the preferences below-the-line are entered correctly, but incorrectly above-the-line, the preferences below-the-line are counted);
- when both are informal, the ballot paper is informal.

2.4 Challenges by Scrutineers

If a ballot paper is challenged by a scrutineer, under section 138 of the *Act*, the ballot paper is endorsed on the back as 'admitted' or 'rejected' and initialled by the Assistant Returning Officer.

Subsequently, determining the formality or otherwise of any ballot paper is the responsibility of the Returning Officer and thereafter may only be varied by a Court of Disputed Returns.

Examples of Legislative Council ballot papers and how their formality is assessed is illustrated on the following pages.

2.5 Double sided ballot paper

If it is necessary to print a double-sided Legislative Council ballot paper, the second side is considered to be a continuum of the first side.

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

If you vote ABOVE-the-line:

Write the number 1 in the square above the name of the party or group of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 2. You don't need to write a number in every square. Don't write any numbers below the line.	A 3 Grape Party	B 2 Clear Future Party	C 4 United People's Party	D 1 Trust Party	E 5 The Stability Party	F No Square	G 6 Independent	H No Square	
If you vote BELOW -the-line:	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	
Write the numbers 1 to 20 in the squares to the left of the name of the candidates of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 21. You don't need to write a number in every square. Don't write any numbers above the line. Fold this ballot paper so that your vote cannot be seen and place it in the ballot box (or in the envelope provided).	LOU, Ruby Grape Party HALL. Norris Grape Party KIPLER. Karl Grape Party GRAY. Becky Grape Party SHUM, Edward Grape Party	KENT, Clark Clear Future Party JOHNSON, Bruce Clear Future Party SCOTT, Paul Clear Future Party CHOPP, Sally Clear Future Party SMILY, Sam Clear Future Party FAWN, Clare Clear Future Party	WHITE, Cynthia United People's Party LEE, Craig United People's Party WALKER, Serena United People's Party BLACK, Tom United People's Party PURPLE, Salma United People's Party	ROBINSON, Brad Trust Party AARRIS, Carli Trust Party AADERSON, Christopher Trust Party MARTIN, Tina Trust Party SHORT, Sonia Trust Party	PATEL, Shazza The Stability Party SMITH, Larry The Stability Party BROWN, Norma The Stability Party WILSON, Tim The Stability Party JONES, Cindy JONES, Cindy The Stability Party DRAX, Xander The Stability Party	THOMAS, Menta Independent KING, Emma Independent	TAYLOR, Emily Independent KIM, Ethan Independent SINGH, David Independent BARNES, William Independent DUREK, Dan Independent	CHEN, David Independent ROSS, Robert Independent THOMPSON, Michael Independent PATEL, Ian Independent HAYES, Roger Independent BAIRD, Andy Independent TAN, Timothy Independent	

FORMAL

Admit the above-the-line preference; it is marked according to s.98D(2)(a)(ii) of the Act.

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

If you vote ABOVE-the-line:

ii you vote Above the line.								
Write the number 1 in the square above the name of the party or group of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 2. You don't need to write a number in every square. Don't write any numbers below the line.	A Grape Party	B Clear Future Party	C United People's Party	D Trust Party	E The Stability Party	F No Square	G Independent	H No Square
OR								
If you vote BELOW-the-line:	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
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cannot be seen and place it in the ballot box (or in the envelope provided). WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission		FAWN, Clare Clear Future Party			DRAX, Xander The Stability Party			BAIRD, Andy Independent TAN, Timothy

FORMAL

Admit the below-the-line preference vote; it is marked in accordance with s.98E(3)(b)(ii) of the Act.

You may vote either ABOVE o	or BELOW-the-line	e but not both:		WHOLE	OF STATE ELEC	TORATE			
If you vote ABOVE -the-line:									
Write the number 1 in the square above the name of the party or group of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 2. You don't need to write a number in every square. Don't write any numbers below the line.	A Grape Party	YES Clear Future Party	C United People's Party	D Trust Party	E The Stability Party	F No Square	G	H No Square	
OR							_		
If you vote BELOW -the-line:	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	
Write the numbers 1 to 20 in the squares to the left of the name of the candidates	LOU, Ruby Grape Party	KENT, Clark Clear Future Party	WHITE, Cynthia United People's Party	ROBINSON, Brad Trust Party	PATEL, Shazza The Stability Party	THOMAS, Menta Independent	TAYLOR, Emily Independent	CHEN, David Independent	
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squares in order, starting from number 21. You don't need to write a number in every square.	KIPLER, Karl Grape Party	SCOTT, Paul Clear Future Party	WALKER, Serena United People's Party	ANDERSON, Christopher Trust Party	BROWN, Norma The Stability Party		SINGH, David Independent	THOMPSON, Michael Independent	
Don't write any numbers above the line.	GRAY, Becky Grape Party	CHOPP, Sally Clear Future Party	BLACK, Tom United People's Party	MARTIN, Tina Trust Party	WILSON, Tim The Stability Party		BARNES, William Independent	PATEL, Ian Independent	
Fold this ballot paper so that your vote cannot be seen and place it in the ballot	SHUM, Edward Grape Party	SMILY, Sam Clear Future Party	PURPLE, Salma United People's Party	SHORT, Sonia Trust Party	JONES, Cindy The Stability Party		DUREK, Dan Independent	HAYES, Roger Independent	
box (or in the envelope provided).		FAWN, Clare Clear Future Party			DRAX, Xander The Stability Party			BAIRD, Andy Independent	
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission								TAN, Timothy Independent	

FORMAL

The voter's intention with respect to the party vote above-the-line is clear (s.146E(8) of the Act).

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

If you vote ABOVE-the-line:

Write the number 1 in the square above the name of the party or group of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 2. You don't need to write a number in every square. Don't write any numbers below the line. OR	A Grape Party	B Clear Future Party	C United People's Party	D Trust Party	E The Stability Party	F No Square	G Independent	H No Square
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The voter's intention with respect to the group vote is clear (s.146EB(1) of the Act).

You may vote either ABOVE or BELOW-the-line but not both:

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

If you vote ABOVE-the-line:

Write the number 1 in the square above the name of the party or group of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 2. You don't need to write a number in every square. Don't write any numbers below the line. OR	A Grape Party	B Clear Future Party	C United People's Party	D Trust Party	E The Stability Party	F No Square	G Independent	H No Square
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission								TAN, Timothy

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The voter's intention with respect to the party vote is clear (s.146EB(1) of the Act).

You may vote either ABOVE or BELOW-the-line but not both: WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE If you vote ABOVE-the-line: Write the number 1 in the square above the C D Е F G name of the party or group of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares No Square No Square in order, starting from number 2. You don't need to write a number in every square. **Grape Party** ear Future United People's Trust Party The Stability endent Don't write any numbers below the line. Party Party Α В D Ε G н If you vote BELOW-the-line: LOU, Ruby KENT, Clark WHITE, Cynthia ROBINSON, Brad THOMAS. Menta TAYLOR, Emily CHEN. David Write the numbers 1 to 20 in the squares Grape Party Clear Future Party United People's Party Trust Party Independent Independent Independent to the left of the name of the candidates of your choice. LEE, Craig HALL. Norris JOHNSON, Bruce HARRI SMITH, Larry KING, Emma KIM. Ethan ROSS, Robert You can make more choices if you want Grape Party Clear Future Party United People's Party Trust Party The Stability Party Independent Independent Independent to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 21. KIPLER, Karl SCOTT, Paul WALKER, Serena DERSON. OWN, Norma SINGH. David THOMPSON, Michael United People's Party Christopher Grape Party Clear Future Party Independent Independent You don't need to write a number in Trust Party every square. GRAY, Becky CHOPP, Sally MARTIN, Tina WILSON, Tim BARNES, William PATEL, Ian Don't write any numbers above the line. Grape Party Clear Future Party eople's Party Trust Party The Stability Party Independent SHUM, Edward SMILY, Sam PURPLE, Salma SHORT, Sonia JONES, Cindy DUREK, Dan HAYES, Roger Fold this ballot paper so that your vote Grape Party Clear Future E United People's Party Trust Party The Stability Party Independent Independent cannot be seen and place it in the ballot box (or in the envelope provided). WN. Clare DRAX, Xander BAIRD, Andy Clear Future Party The Stability Party Independent WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TAN, Timothy Electoral Commission

INFORMAL

The voter's intention is unclear.

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

If you vote ABOVE-the-line:

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FORMAL

Admit the below-the-line preference vote as it has precedence over the group vote when both options are marked correctly (s.146EB(4) of the Act).

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

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FORMAL

The voter's intention with respect to the first 21 vote preferences is clear. Preferences 23-25 must be disregarded (s.146EA(2)(b) of the Act).

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

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FORMAL

The voter's intention with respect to the first 21 vote preferences is clear. Preferences 22-24 must be disregarded (s.146EA(2)(a) of the Act).

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

If you vote ABOVE-the-line:

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	HALL, Norris Grape Party	JOHNSON, Bruce Clear Future Party	LEE, Craig United People's Party	HARRIS, Carli Trust Party	SMITH, Larry The Stability Party	KING, Emma Independent	KIM, Ethan Independent	ROSS, Robert Independent
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission								TAN, Timothy

FORMAL

Voter's intention with respect to the group vote is clear. The alphabetical sequence indicates a preference order for registered political parties and groups above-the-line (s.146E(8) of the Act).

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

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Don't write any numbers below the line. OR		Party	Party		Party	_		
If you vote BELOW-the-line: Write the numbers 1 to 20 in the squares to the left of the name of the candidates of your choice. You can make more choices if you want to, by writing more numbers in the other squares in order, starting from number 21. You don't need to write a number in every square. Don't write any numbers above the line. Fold this ballot paper so that your vote cannot be seen and place it in the ballot box (or in the envelope provided).	A LOU, Ruby Grape Party HALL, Norris Grape Party MIDLER, Kart Grape Party GRAY, Becky Grape Party SHUM, Edward Grape Party	B Z KENT, Clark Clear Future Party O JOHNSON, Bruce Clear Future Party SCOTT, Paul Clear Future Party CHOPP, Sally Clear Future Party SMILY, Sam Clear Future Party FAWN, Clare Clear Future Party	WHITE, Cynthia United People's Party LE, Craig LE, Craig LE, Craig LE, Serena United People's Party WALKER, Serena United People's Party BLACK, Tom United People's Party PURPLE, Salma United People's Party	ROBINSON, Brad Trust Party ANDERSON, Christopher Trust Party MARTIN, Tina Trust Party SHORT, Sonia Trust Party	E PATEL, Shazza The Stability Party	THOMAS, Menta Independent KING, Emma Independent	TAYLOR, Emily Independent KIM, Ethan Independent SINGH, David Independent BARNES, William Independent DUREK, Dan Independent	H S CHEN, David Independent ROSS, Robert Independent THOMPSON, Michael Independent PATEL, Ian HAYES, Roger Independent BAIRD, Andy Independent TAN, Timothy

FORMAL

Admit the above-the-line registered political party vote as formal; this has precedence over the below-the-line preference marks as there are fewer than 20.

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

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INFORMAL

Not preferenced 1-20 below-the-line and no first preference indicated above-the-line, the voter's intention with respect to order of preference is not clear.

WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

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FORMAL

Admit, the voter's intention with respect to the first preference is clear.

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