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Issuing of the election writs

The WA State Election has been formally instigated with the issuing of the election writs by the State Governor.

The writs are official legal documents authorising an election to be held for representatives to serve in the State Parliament. One writ is issued for each of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.

The writs specify the dates by which nominations must be lodged, the date for the close of the electoral rolls, the date on which the poll is to be taken and the date for the return of the writ.

Nominations for candidates for election open tomorrow (Thursday 4 February) and close at midday on Thursday 11 February for party nominations and midday on Friday 12 February for individuals.

Under the Electoral Act 1907 State General Elections for both houses of parliament are held on the second Saturday in March every four years. The WA State Election will be held on Saturday 13 March.

Electoral rolls will close at 6pm on Thursday 11 February. In-person early voting will be available at around 70 Early Voting Centres across the state from Wednesday 24 February.

Electoral Commissioner Robert Kennedy said the five-day lockdown had not affected the formalities associated with the State Election.

“The Electoral Commission was able to work with the Office of the Governor to ensure the writ was delivered to the Governor safely and compliantly, and subsequently endorsed and returned to the Electoral Commission,” Mr Kennedy said.

Mr Kennedy said that with electoral rolls closing in a matter of days, people should check their enrolment details.

“Being correctly enrolled is the first step in taking part in democracy so making sure you’re correctly enrolled to vote is very important,” Mr Kennedy said.

Enrolment details can easily be checked – and enrolment details updated - online via the WA Electoral Commission website at www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol.

People can enrol to vote or update their details any time from now until the closure of the rolls at 6.00pm, Thursday 11 February.

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Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner, 3 February 2021

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