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AFL GRAND FINAL TO AFFECT ARMADALE BY-ELECTION ON OCTOBER 2ND

With the AFL Grand Final rematch on this Saturday, Armadale District electors are being reminded of the need to vote on or before the day.

Given that it is compulsory to vote, forgetting to vote because of the football will not be considered a valid or sufficient excuse.

Commenting today WA Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately said: "Weekends are often busy times, no less so this Saturday, with the AFL Grand Final rematch possibly adding to existing commitments."

"Popular sporting events often affect turnout at elections. However, electors need to remember that polling places will be open between 8 am and 6 pm on Saturday and there are early voting opportunities for eligible electors."

Applications for postal votes close today at 6 pm. Application forms can be obtained from post offices within the district, the WAEC office in Perth or downloaded from the WAEC website www.waec.wa.gov.au.

Eligible electors may also vote in person at the WAEC Perth office, Armadale Courthouse or most Magistrates' Courts throughout the State. This voting option will cease at 6 pm on Friday.

Electors voting on Saturday are encouraged to take their Easy Voter Card with them to make voting faster and easier.

Any Armadale elector with queries or concerns should contact the WA Electoral Commission information line on 13 63 06.

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Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner, Thursday 30 September 2010

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