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Local Government Rolls Close on Friday

Electoral rolls for this year's local government ordinary elections will close on Friday 26 August 2011 at 5.00 pm sharp.

WA Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately said that while polling day is not until the 15 October 2011, to be eligible to vote people must be on the electoral roll for their local government district, or have lodged a new enrolment form with the Electoral Commission, prior to roll close this Friday.

"It's a simple message," said Mr Gately. "You can't vote if you are not on the roll."

"The theme of this year's advertising campaign is *Your Vote – Your Community*. Your local council makes decisions that affect your life in so many ways. In the October elections Western Australians from across the State will have the opportunity to vote for the Councillors who will make those decisions.

"As such I urge all eligible Western Australians to ensure their enrolment particulars are up to date."

Mr Gately stressed that for eligible young people who have recently turned 18, this may be their first opportunity to practice their democratic right to vote in a government election. For older residents who have changed address or moved into Western Australia from another State, there is the requirement that they update their enrolment.

Electors can check their current enrolment, or obtain an enrolment form, by going online to the WAEC website at www.waec.wa.gov.au. Enrolment forms are also available from post offices, local government offices, or offices of the Western Australian and Australian Electoral Commissions.

After the rolls close, the next step will be for interested persons to nominate as a Councillor. The nomination period opens on the 1 September 2011 and closes at 4.00 pm Thursday 8 September 2011.

"I would encourage community members thinking about running as a candidate to speak with their local government's Chief Executive Officer about what the role entails and to visit the Commission's website for details about how to nominate," said Mr Gately.

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