

The 2016 ACT Election Ro Spence ACT Deputy Electoral Commissioner







What is Hare-Clark?

➢A quota-preferential method of proportional representation

Using the "single transferable vote"



What is a quota?

A quota is the minimum number of votes a candidate needs to be certain of election

2012 Ballot Paper

Election of 5 Members	2012		<u> </u>	Legis	lative Assembly for the A	ustralian Capital Territo
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Darryl WALFORD	Chris. BOURKE	Matt. THOMPSON	Nehmat Nana JBEILI	Matt WATTS	Tony. HALTON	Norm. GINGELL. INDEPENDENT
	Mary. PORTER		Kate. REYNOLDS	Merinda. NASH		Emmanuel EZEKIEL-HAI INDEPENDENT
elg _{in}	Yvette BERRY		Marion LÊ	Jacob. VADAKKEDATHU		Glen TAKKENBERG
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Casting a vote in 2016

- Polling places on polling day 15 October
 - New polling places in Bonner and Franklin
- Pre-polling in the 3 weeks before polling day (27 Sept)
 - Closest at Gungahlin Library
 - All other major business districts
 - Electronic voting available



Casting a vote in 2016

- Postal voting
 - Apply online, phone, email, for yourself or on behalf of someone else
 - Online available in June
 - Ballot papers available 27 Sept
 - Must be returned by 21 Oct, post marked 15 Oct
- Mobile polling

Casting a formal vote

- A ballot paper is formal if:
 - there is a single number 1 on the ballot paper
- A ballot paper is informal if:
 - it is totally blank
 - the number 1 does not appear against any candidate
 - the number 1 appears against two or more candidates
 - a tick or a cross has been used instead of a number 1 to show the elector's first preference
 - it is marked in any way by which the elector can be identified, such as a legible signature (but usually not initials)
- Repeating or omitting a number other than number 1 does not make a ballot paper informal.

Size of the Assembly inquiry

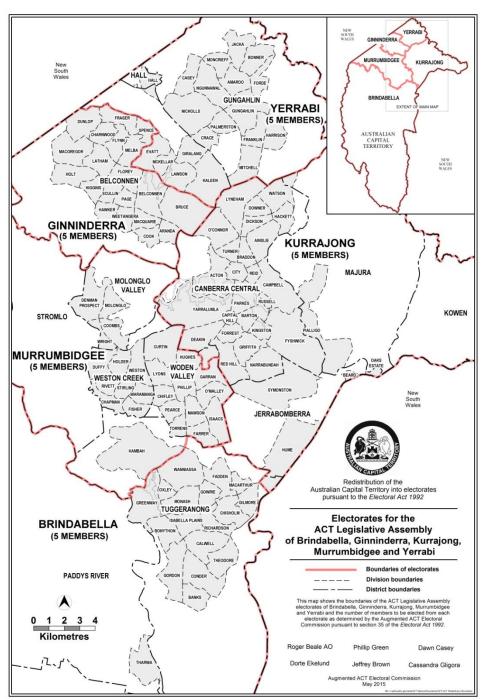
- 5 person Expert Reference Group appointed by the Chief Minister in December 2012; chaired by the Electoral Commissioner
- Report submitted to Chief Minister on 28 March 2013
- Commonwealth legislation to increase the size of the Assembly passed in March 2013
- Increasing the size requires amending the Electoral Act by a 2/3 majority of MLAs
- Assembly voted to increase its size to 25 MLAs 5 by 5
 on 4 August 2014

Redistribution of electorate boundaries

- Redistribution Committee appointed in October 2014
- Committee includes Electoral Commissioner, chief planner, surveyor-general & head of ACT ABS
- Tasked to propose redistribution into 5 equal-sized electorates
- Public consultation: 56 suggestions, 9 comments and 8 objections received
- Augmented Electoral Commission announced final boundaries on 18 May 2015









ACT electoral innovations

- Computer voting and counting used in 2001, 2004, 2008 and 2012
- ICR scanning used to count paper ballots in 2008 and 2012
- These will be used again in 2016

Electronic Voting

- Used at 2001, 2004, 2008 and 2012 elections

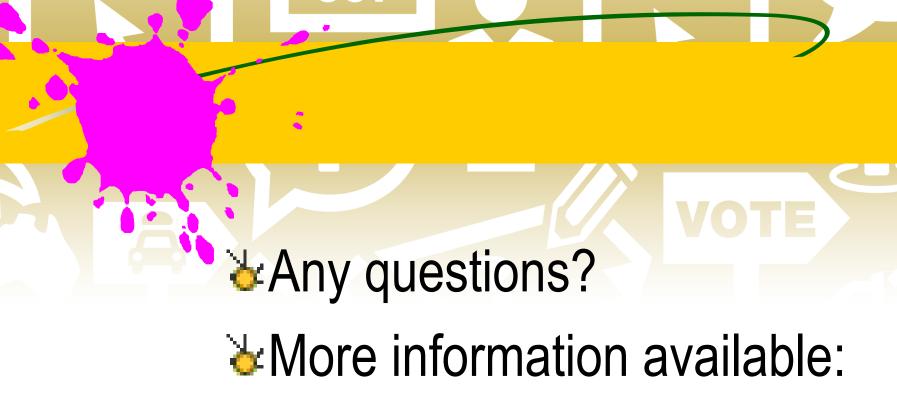
Benefits of electronic voting

- No manual counting of electronic votes
- Reliable, secure and transparent open source software
- Eliminated unintentional voter errors
- Reduced informal votes
- Audio version for sight-impaired
- Instructions in 12 languages



ICR scanning of paper ballots

- Prior to 2001 all ballot papers counted by hand
- In 2001 and 2004 all paper ballots were manually dataentered
- In 2008 and 2012, intelligent character recognition scanning of handwritten paper ballots was used
- Australia-first for a parliamentary election
- Will be used again in 2016



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