

Elections called for East Coast Councils

The Governor has made an order under the *Local Government Act 1993* which enables elections for the Break O'Day Council and the Glamorgan – Spring Bay Council to be held prior to Christmas. These elections were originally postponed while merger discussions took place.

The Notices of Election, which call for nominations, will appear in the Mercury and Examiner newspapers this Saturday. Nominations must be received by the returning officer no later than 12 noon Monday 23 November.

Postal ballot packs will be delivered to voters from Tuesday 8 December until Friday 11 December. Ballot papers must be returned by 10 am Tuesday 22 December to be included in the count.

Full election dates are as follows:

Nominations open	9 am Monday 9 November 2009
Electoral roll closes.....	6 pm Thursday 12 November 2009
Nominations close	12 noon Monday 23 November 2009
Nominations announced & draws conducted	12 noon Tuesday 24 November 2009
Ballot papers delivered by post.....	Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 December 2009
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 22 December 2009

Candidates can provide their candidate statements online

Candidates are invited to provide their statements online. This will allow candidates to see their statements in the format in which they will be produced in the brochure to be mailed to voters.

Candidates will still need to print out their statements, and then sign and lodge them with the Returning Officer along with their nomination forms. For more information candidates can go to www.tec.tas.gov.au/candidatestatements.

ENDS — 3 pm Wednesday 4 November 2009

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