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Toowoomba South By-Election: Pre-Poll Concluding

The Electoral Commission of Queensland reminds electors in the Toowoomba South state district that pre-poll centres are open this week until Friday 15 July at 6pm.

Early voting is proving popular with over 20% of electors already having cast their vote for this election.

The Electoral Commissioner of Queensland, Mr. Walter van der Merwe said “These figures are a reflection of how popular pre-poll voting has become, mainly due to the fact that electors can conveniently cast their vote at a time and place most convenient to them.”

Pre-poll centres have been established at the office of the Returning Officer in Harristown and a second centre in Centenary Heights. Information on opening hours and locations can be found on the Commission website.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland reminds electors that recent changes to legislation mean that the full preferential voting (FPV) system will now be used in all Queensland state elections. FPV requires that **every box** on the ballot paper must be numbered in order of preference for a vote to be counted.

Electors are encouraged to visit the Commission website to familiarise themselves with how to place a formal vote under the FPV system.

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