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### **Toowoomba South By-Election: Full Preferential Voting System**

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. This is particularly important for electors in the upcoming Toowoomba South by-election to be held on Saturday 16 July 2016.

Electoral Commissioner of Queensland, Mr. Walter van der Merwe said: “The system of voting for Queensland State elections has changed. Full Preferential Voting 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 the new voting system and how to place a formal vote under the FPV system.

For more information visit the Electoral Commission’s website [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au) or contact us on 1300 881 665

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