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Toowoomba South By-Election: Pre-poll Voting Commences

Pre-poll voting for the Toowoomba South by-election will commence at 9am on Monday 4 July.

A number of pre-poll centres have been established across the Toowoomba South state district to assist electors in casting their vote in the lead up to polling day on Saturday 16 July.

Information on the location and opening times for each pre-poll centre can be found on the Commission's website under the "All You Need To Know" link.

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 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 or contact us on 1300 881 665



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