

GENERAL

Triennial elections for elected members of all local authorities throughout New Zealand, including licensing trusts, are to be conducted, by postal vote, on **Saturday 9 October 2010**.

The elections will be conducted under the provisions of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.

The new Auckland Council will be conducting the election of members to the Waitakere Licensing Trust on the Trust's behalf.

POSITIONS

Elections will be required for the following 7 positions:

- 2 members, Ward No 1 (Te Atatu)
- 3 members, Ward No 2 (Lincoln)
- 1 member, Ward 3 (Waitakere)
- 1 member, Ward 4 (Henderson)

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will open on **Friday 23 July 2010** and close at **12 noon on Friday 20 August 2010**.

Nomination forms will be available during this period from the following locations:

- Auckland Council electoral office (Independent Election Services Ltd, ground floor, Bledisloe House, 24 Wellesley Street, Auckland);
- current Waitakere City Council electoral office (Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson);
- or by telephoning (09) 307 7211 where one will be posted out.

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate must be:

- enrolled as a parliamentary elector anywhere in New Zealand; and
- a New Zealand citizen; and
- a resident of the respective licensing trust ward.

A candidate cannot be:

- a person carrying on the business of a brewer, wine or spirit merchant, malster or distiller, or an importer or dealer in fermented or spirituous liquor or who is in partnership with any person carrying on any such business, or who is a member or employee, or the husband or wife of a member or employee of an incorporated company that carries on any such business;
- a person who is the owner of any licensed premises or is a member or employee, or the husband or wife of a member or employee of an incorporated company that owns any licensed premises;
- a person mentally disordered;
- a bankrupt who has not obtained an order of discharge;
- a person convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of 2 years or more unless that person has obtained a pardon or has served the sentence;
- a person convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of less than 2 years and is sentenced to imprisonment for that offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon or has served the sentence.

(The disqualification criteria is found in section 170 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 – this should be read in full).

ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote at the elections are all resident electors whose names appear on the electoral roll for the respective areas of the new Auckland Council, when they close. The preliminary electoral roll will be available for public inspection at the Auckland Council electoral office and the current Waitakere City Council electoral office, libraries and NZ Post post shops within the district, from **Friday 23 July 2010** to **Friday 20 August 2010**.

Resident Roll. All parliamentary electors are automatically enrolled on the local authority resident electoral roll, at the address where they live. A confirmation card will be issued to all parliamentary electors in early July 2010.

Any alterations to the resident roll (eg change of addresses details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- telephoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- accessing the Electoral Enrolment Centre website on www.elections.org.nz

ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The first past the post electoral system will be used for the Waitakere Licensing Trust election (subject to legislative confirmation expected by 1 May 2010).

VOTING PERIOD

Combined voting documents (those for the licensing trust, the local council and the district health board) will be sent to all eligible electors, by post, from **Friday 17 September 2010**.

The voting period is 3 weeks (**Friday 17 September 2010 to 12 noon, Saturday 9 October 2010**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using a pre-paid envelope sent with the voting document. A polling place for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Friday 17 September 2010 to 12 noon, Saturday 9 October, 2010 at the following locations:

- the Auckland Council electoral office (Independent Election Services Ltd, ground floor, Bledisloe House, 24 Wellesley Street, Auckland);
- the current Waitakere City Council electoral office (Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson).

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official, by **12 noon, Saturday 9 October 2010**.

Progress results will be known about 1pm, and preliminary results will be known about 7pm on **Saturday 9 October, 2010**.

CONTACT DETAILS

For further information regarding these elections, please contact the electoral office:

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