

CANDIDATES AND SCRUTINEERS GUIDE



2011 NSW ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL REGIONAL ELECTIONS

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This guide is designed to inform and assist candidates and scrutineers. If you need any more information please contact the NSW Electoral Commission, Level 25, 201 Kent Street, Sydney 2000, phone 1300 135 736. The NSW Electoral Commission Website: www.elections.nsw.gov.au will also contain information regarding these elections.

Election Timetable

Close Roll	Noon, Friday 27 May 2011
Invite Nominations from	Friday, 17 June 2011
Close Nominations	Noon, Tuesday 12 July 2011
Close Postal Vote Applications	Friday, 29 July 2011
Polling Day	8.00am–6.00pm, Saturday, 6 August 2011
Deadline for return of Postal Vote Ballot Papers	6.00pm, Saturday 6 August 2011



CLOSE OF ROLL

To be eligible to vote, a person must be a voting member of a Local Aboriginal Land Council within the Region, as at noon, Friday 27 May 2011.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to check that they are enrolled correctly with the Aboriginal Land Council.

ADVERTISING THE ELECTION

If an election is to be held in a Region, the Returning Officer will publish details of the election, including the names of the candidates, locations of the polling places and details relating to postal voting.

Information will also be included on the NSWEC Website, in newspapers circulating in the region and in any other way the Returning Officer determines.

Each elector in all nine (9) regions will receive from the NSWEC a brochure addressed to the elector, containing all details about the election.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are available from the NSW Electoral Commission's website: www.elections.nsw.gov.au

Nomination forms are confidential and no details from any nomination form will be revealed by the Returning Officer to any person.

To be a candidate a person must be on the certified roll for the Region where he or she wishes to be a candidate.

A person cannot be a candidate and an election official.

A candidate must be nominated by six (6) other people who are on the roll for the Region where he or she wishes to be a candidate. Candidates are encouraged to have more than six people nominate them in case some of their nominators are not on the roll.

A person can only nominate one candidate for election.

The nominated candidate must give their consent to the nomination by signing the nomination form.

A candidate's surname on the ballot paper will appear as it is on the electoral roll, however an alternative form of a candidate's given name may be:

- (a) an initial standing for your given name or;
- (b) a commonly accepted variation of your given name (including an abbreviation or truncation of that name or an alternative form of that name), or;
- (c) a commonly used other name specific to the candidate by which the candidate is usually identified (if the Returning Officer is satisfied that the proposed name is a commonly used other name specific to the candidate by which the candidate is usually identified.)



The completed nomination form together with a Statutory Declaration for “Grounds for Disqualification From Office” signed by the candidate and Nomination Deposit Refund Form must be lodged with the Returning Officer at the NSW Electoral Commission **no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, 12 July 2011**. The nomination form must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 in the form of cash, money order or bank cheque. Personal cheques, credit union cheques, BPay, credit card and EFTPOS are not acceptable.

Candidates are encouraged to submit their nominations as early as possible so that if there is a problem the candidate will have time to fix it. If a defect in the nomination is not corrected by 12 noon on nomination day then the nomination will be rejected.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE

A candidate can withdraw his or her nomination before the close of nominations at 12 noon on Tuesday, 12 July 2011.

The notice of withdrawal must be in writing, signed by the candidate and received by the Returning Officer before the close of nominations. A nomination cannot be withdrawn after nominations have closed.

DEATH OF A CANDIDATE

If a candidate dies after the close of nominations and before polling day there will be a new election held at a later date. If a candidate dies after being nominated but before 12 noon on Tuesday, 12 July 2011, the close of nominations will be postponed for 3 days.

UNCONTESTED ELECTION

If, at 12 noon on Tuesday, 12 July 2011 only one candidate has nominated for election, that person will be declared elected by the Returning Officer at the close of nominations.

REFUND OF DEPOSIT

A candidate is entitled to a refund of the \$50 nomination deposit if he or she is elected or receives more than 4% of the total first preference votes cast for all candidates in the election.

CAMPAIGNING BY CANDIDATES

Handing out how-to-vote leaflets outside a polling place must not obstruct access to the polling place.

POLLING PLACES

Polling places will be open from 8.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 6 August 2011.



POSTAL VOTING

An elector may make an application to vote by post if the elector:

- (a) will not, throughout the hours of polling on polling day, be within the Region in respect of which the elector is enrolled, or
- (b) is seriously ill or infirm, and by reason of the illness or infirmity will be precluded from attending at the polling place to vote or, in the case of a woman, will, by approaching maternity, be precluded from attending at the polling place to vote, or
- (c) is, at a place other than a hospital, caring for a person who is seriously ill or infirm or approaching maternity or by reason of caring for the person will be precluded from attending at any polling place to vote, or
- (d) is, by reason of his or her membership of a religious order or his or her religious beliefs:
 - (i) precluded from attending at the polling place to vote, or
 - (ii) precluded from voting throughout the hours of polling on polling day or throughout the greater part of those hours, or
- (e) is, by reason of his or her being kept in a correctional centre, precluded from attending at the polling place to vote, or
- (f) will, by reason of being engaged for fee, gain or reward in any work throughout the hours of polling on polling day, be precluded from attending at any polling place to vote, or
- (g) resides more than 8 kilometres from a polling place, or
- (h) is a person with a disability, or
- (i) believes that attending a polling place on polling day will place the personal safety of the elector or of members of the elector's family at risk.

An application to vote by post under this clause must:

- (a) be in writing, and
- (b) specify the ground on which it is made, and
- (c) be signed by the elector, and
- (d) be made after the publication of the election notice in respect of the election, and
- (e) be received by the returning officer not later than 7 clear days before polling day.

An elector who wishes to vote by post is, on receipt of a ballot paper, to do the following:

- (a) show to a witness the ballot paper and declaration delivered or sent by the returning officer, and
- (b) in the presence of the witness, and if the facts on the declaration are correct, sign the declaration in the space provided.



The witness is to sign the declaration and complete the spaces in it for the address of the witness and the date on which the declaration is signed. The witness is to do those things only if the witness:

- (a) is at least 18 years old and is not a candidate for election as a councillor in the Region in which the election is being held, and
- (b) is satisfied as to the elector's identity, and
- (c) has seen the elector sign the declaration, and
- (d) is satisfied that the statements in the declaration are true.

The elector is then to do the following in the presence of the witness, but without showing the witness how the elector has voted:

- (a) vote as directed on the ballot paper,
- (b) fold the ballot paper so that the vote cannot be seen,
- (c) place the ballot paper in the envelope addressed to the returning officer and close and seal the envelope.

The elector is then to deliver or send the envelope, or have it delivered or sent, so as to reach the returning officer before 6.00pm on polling day.

Postal vote application forms are available from:

NSW Electoral Commission

Level 25, 201 Kent St, Sydney
 Phone (02) 9290 5941 Fax (02) 9290 5939
www.elections.nsw.gov.au

NSW Aboriginal Land Council

33 Argyle St, Parramatta
 Phone (02) 9689 4444

Registrar – Aboriginal Land Rights Act

C/- Tranby Aboriginal College, 11-13 Mansfield Street, Glebe
 Phone (02) 9562 6327 or (02) 9562 6328 Fax (02) 9562 6350

Completed postal votes must be posted or delivered so that they are received by the Returning Officer not later than 6.00pm on Saturday 6 August 2011.

Electors who have been sent postal ballot papers cannot vote at a polling place on polling day unless the postal ballot papers completed or otherwise are first given to the election official for cancellation.



POSTAL VOTE SCRUTINY

Postal votes received by the Returning Officer will be opened and counted at the NSW Electoral Commission at 6.00pm, and the details of the votes on the ballot papers transmitted to the Regional Electoral Officer for inclusion in the count.

Scrutineers wishing to attend at this time must contact the NSW Electoral Commission beforehand on 1300 135 736.

SCRUTINEERS

Scrutineers are appointed in writing by a candidate using the scrutineer appointment form which is available from the NSW Electoral Commission.

The scrutineer must hand the completed form to the polling place manager or election official, prior to commencing duties.

Identification tags will be issued to scrutineers by election officials. These should be worn when performing duties.

A scrutineer may enter or leave a polling place at any time during the hours of voting and the counting of votes.

A scrutineer may act on the candidate's behalf:

- (a) at the taking of votes at each polling place;
- (b) the place where postal ballot papers are received at the NSWEC; and
- (c) when the votes are being counted by the Regional Electoral Officer.

Each candidate is entitled to have one scrutineer at each of the above places.

Scrutineers are entitled to inspect the empty ballot box at the polling place and observe the ballot box being secured prior to the start of voting at 8.00am.

Scrutineers are entitled to observe any questioning of voters by the election officials regarding the elector's entitlement to vote and may request the election official to challenge any voter before allowing them to vote. Where any voter is challenged and the answers to the questions put to them by the election official show the person is entitled to vote, no further questions are asked and the person will be allowed to vote.

If an elector needs help to mark the ballot paper owing to poor eyesight, a physical handicap or being unable to read or write, the elector can ask any person (including the election official) to mark the ballot paper as directed by the elector. A scrutineer can observe voting by electors where the elector has asked for assistance, but if having seen how the elector has voted, must not disclose that information to any person.



Scrutineers are entitled to witness the closing of the polling place at 6.00pm. No voters will be allowed to vote after 6.00pm unless they were inside the polling place or on a queue outside the polling place waiting to vote.

Scrutineers must not handle ballot papers under any circumstances.

Scrutineers may wear any badge or emblem of a candidate within the polling place, but must not interfere with or attempt to influence any elector in the way they wish to vote or talk unnecessarily to any person in the polling place.

Scrutineers can only distribute how-to-vote material outside the polling place.

The attendance of scrutineers is to ensure that all the proper steps are taken during the course of the election and to advise candidates of any perceived deficiencies. The staff of the NSW Electoral Commission and election officials will co-operate with scrutineers in their duties as far as possible and in return would expect scrutineers to comply with any reasonable directions given by the NSWEC or election official.

A decision by the Returning Officer on any matter relating to the conduct of an election is final if the decision is required or permitted to be made by the Returning Officer by the Act or Regulation.

DISPUTED VOTES

A person may, in the following circumstances, ask for a 'disputed vote' at a polling place if:

- (a) that the person's name has already been marked off as having voted; or
- (b) the person's name cannot be found on the roll.

A person claiming a disputed vote must complete the ballot paper, fold it so that it cannot be seen and seal it in an envelope on which there is a written declaration specifying the ground on which the person claims to vote.

METHOD OF VOTING

The method of voting is "optional preferential".

The voter is required to put the number 1 in the box next to the candidate who is their first choice. They may, but are not required to, place numbers beginning with the number "2" in squares opposite the names of some or all the remaining candidates in the order of his or her preferences for them.

The instructions for voting will be printed on the ballot paper. Ticks and/or crosses cannot be accepted as formal votes.



COUNTING VOTES USING THE OPTIONAL PREFERENTIAL SYSTEM

To be elected in an optional preferential count, a candidate requires an 'absolute majority' (50% + 1) of formal votes in the count. That is if, a candidate gains more than half the total formal votes at any stage of the count, the candidate is elected. For example, if there are 475 formal 1st, a candidate would need to have at least 238 1st preference votes to be elected.

DISTRIBUTION OF PREFERENCES

If no candidate has an 'absolute majority', after the first preference votes are counted, a distribution of preferences must be conducted to determine the successful candidate. This means that the candidate with the fewest first preference votes is excluded from the count. That candidate's votes are passed on to the other candidates according to the next preference shown by electors on those ballot papers. Ballot papers which do not show a next preference for a continuing candidate are 'exhausted ballot papers', and play no further part in the distribution of preferences.

This process of excluding the candidate with the fewest votes continues until a candidate obtains an 'absolute majority'.

If at any time during the distribution of preferences a candidate reaches an absolute majority, that candidate is elected.

It is important to remember that the absolute majority is calculated on the total number of formal votes in the count. This number will change throughout the distribution process as ballot papers are exhausted and no longer remain in the count. At the end of each count the absolute majority needs to be recalculated based on the total formal votes remaining in the count.

EXHAUSTED BALLOT PAPERS

A ballot paper becomes exhausted during a distribution of preferences when:

- after the number "1" there are no further preferences shown; or
- a preference (other than "1") is duplicated (eg the number "3" appears twice); or
- where there is a breakdown in the number of preferences (eg 1,2,4 – there is no number 3).

A ballot paper becomes exhausted at the point the ballot paper breaks down. For example, the ballot paper which has no number 3 will remain in the count and be distributed until the point where it needs to be distributed to the 3rd preference. At that stage it becomes exhausted and is placed in the exhausted pile.



SCRUTINY OF THE COUNTING OF VOTES

The first preference count of ballot papers will commence as soon as practicable after 6.00pm when the polling place closes.

Candidates are entitled to have one scrutineer present throughout the count of the ballot papers.

The counting will be carried out by the election officials so that the scrutineer can see each ballot paper, but not in such a way that will unnecessarily delay the counting of votes.

Scrutineers may object to the admission or the rejection of a ballot paper, in which case the election official will determine whether the vote is formal or informal. The Polling Place Manager may note on the back of the ballot paper “admitted” or “rejected” together with the reason for the decision and the name of the candidate on whose behalf the challenge to the ballot paper was made.

The scrutineer may note for his or her own purposes in which bundle of votes the challenged ballot paper is located, so that when the ballot papers are check counted, he or she can ask the Regional Electoral Officer for a decision.

When the ballot papers have been counted, the scrutineers may be asked to sign the Record of Vote sheets as an indication of their presence.

A full check count of all ballot papers will be carried out in the office of the Regional Electoral Officer on the Sunday after polling day. Scrutineers may be present.

The Regional Electoral Officer will conduct the distribution of preferences (if necessary) on the Monday after Polling Day. Scrutineers may be present.

INFORM CANDIDATES OF THE RESULT

The Regional Electoral Officer is to inform the candidates (in person, in writing, by facsimile, by telephone, by email, by text message or in any other way) of the result of the count as soon as practicable after the result is ascertained.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULT OF ELECTION

As soon as practicable after a candidate has been elected, the Returning Officer must:

- (a) notify the Minister in writing of the candidate who has been elected, and
- (b) notify the Chief Executive Officer of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council in writing of the candidate who has been elected, and notify the Registrar in writing of the candidate who has been elected, and
- (c) cause to be published on the New South Wales Electoral Commission's Website a notice that the candidate has been elected.



RECOUNT

- (1) A request by a candidate for a recount of the ballot papers must:
 - (a) be in writing, and
 - (b) be signed by the candidate, and
 - (c) set out the reasons for the request, and
 - (d) be lodged with the Returning Officer (in person, by facsimile or by email) within 24 hours of being informed of the result of the count under clause 76A.
- (2) A copy of the written request for a recount must be lodged with the Regional Electoral Officer (in person, by facsimile or by email) at the same time as the original is lodged with the Returning Officer.
- (3) If a request for a recount is made under this clause, the Returning Officer may order the Regional Electoral Officer to again scrutinise and recount the ballot papers.

OFFENCES

Under the provisions of the Regulations it is an offence to:

- (a) vote or attempt to vote in an election in which the person is not entitled to vote; or
- (b) vote or attempt to vote more than once in an election; or
- (c) make a false or willfully misleading statement:
 - (i) to the Returning Officer, Regional Electoral Officer or a election official in connection with an election, or
 - (ii) in any document that the person furnishes for the purposes of an election, or
- (d) obstruct the proceedings at a polling place or at the office of the Returning Officer, Regional Electoral Officer or an election official; or
- (e) enter any voting booth at a polling place, otherwise than as authorised under the Regulation, while any other person is in the booth recording his or her vote.



FORMALITY OF BALLOT PAPERS

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BROWN, John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH, Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	JONES, William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	JACKSON, Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 DAWSON, Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	FURLONG, Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

FORMAL – the number "1" appears once only.

In a distribution of preferences, this ballot paper would EXHAUST after the first preference.

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 BROWN John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 SMITH Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 JONES William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 JACKSON Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 DAWSON Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 FURLONG Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

FORMAL – the number "1" appears once only.

In a distribution of preferences, this ballot paper would EXHAUST after the first preference.

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 BROWN, John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 SMITH, Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 JONES, William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 JACKSON, Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 DAWSON, Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 FURLONG, Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

FORMAL – the number "1" appears once only.

In a distribution of preferences, this ballot paper would EXHAUST after the third preference.

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BROWN John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	ONE SMITH Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	TWO JONES William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	JACKSON Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAWSON Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	THREE FURLONG Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

INFORMAL – must use numbers, not words.



FORMALITY OF BALLOT PAPERS

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BROWN, John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH, Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	JONES, William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	JACKSON, Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAWSON, Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	FURLONG, Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

INFORMAL – must use numbers, "✓" are not allowed.

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BROWN John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	JONES William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	JACKSON Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DAWSON Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	FURLONG Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

INFORMAL – must use numbers, "X" are not allowed.

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BROWN, John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH, Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JONES, William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	JACKSON, Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 DAWSON, Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	FURLONG, Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

FORMAL for DAWSON – the "x" is to be ignored.

In a distribution of preferences, this ballot paper would EXHAUST after the first preference.

BALLOT PAPER			
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011 Region Election of One (1) Councillor			
Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.			
You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.			
CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BROWN John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 SMITH Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 JONES William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 JACKSON Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 DAWSON Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 FURLONG Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

INFORMAL – "✓" is ignored. No number 1.



FORMALITY OF BALLOT PAPERS

BALLOT PAPER (BSE)

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011
Region
Election of One (1) Councillor

Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.

You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.

CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> X BROWN, John	Sand Hills	Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMITH, Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> X JONES, William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> X JACKSON, Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> X DAWSON, Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> X FURLONG, Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

INFORMAL – "✓" and "x" are not allowed and there is no number 1.

BALLOT PAPER (BSE)

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011
Region
Election of One (1) Councillor

Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.

You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.

CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership
4 <input type="checkbox"/> BROWN John	Sand Hills	Association
1 <input type="checkbox"/> SMITH Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
3 <input type="checkbox"/> JONES William	Sandy Beach	Association
2 <input type="checkbox"/> JACKSON Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
5 <input type="checkbox"/> DAWSON Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
6 <input type="checkbox"/> FURLONG Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

FORMAL – numbers are adjacent to squares. The voter's intention is clear.

In a distribution of preferences, this ballot paper flows through to the sixth preference.

BALLOT PAPER (BSE)

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011
Region
Election of One (1) Councillor

Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.

You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.

CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership
1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BROWN, John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 SMITH, Mary	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JONES, William	Sandy Beach	Association
4 <input type="checkbox"/> JACKSON, Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 DAWSON, Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 FURLONG, Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

FORMAL – numbers are adjacent to squares. The voter's intention is clear.

In a distribution of preferences, this ballot paper would EXHAUST after fourth preference.

BALLOT PAPER (BSE)

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Election 2011
Region
Election of One (1) Councillor

Place the number "1" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you desire to give your first preference vote.

You may, if you wish, vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares opposite the names of those additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.

CANDIDATES	LALC of which Candidate is a Member	Basis of Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> BROWN John	Sand Hills	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> SMITH Mary 1	Sandy Beach	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> JONES William	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> JACKSON Richard	Sandy Beach	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> DAWSON Louise	Sand Hills	Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> FURLONG Henry	Sand Hills	Residence

INFORMAL – number is not in or adjacent to the square.

