

# Scrutineering for Cathy McGowan

<b>Role</b>	As a scrutineer you will be appointed by Cathy McGowan to be her agent in the polling place; representing her during polling and as you oversee the counting of the ballots.
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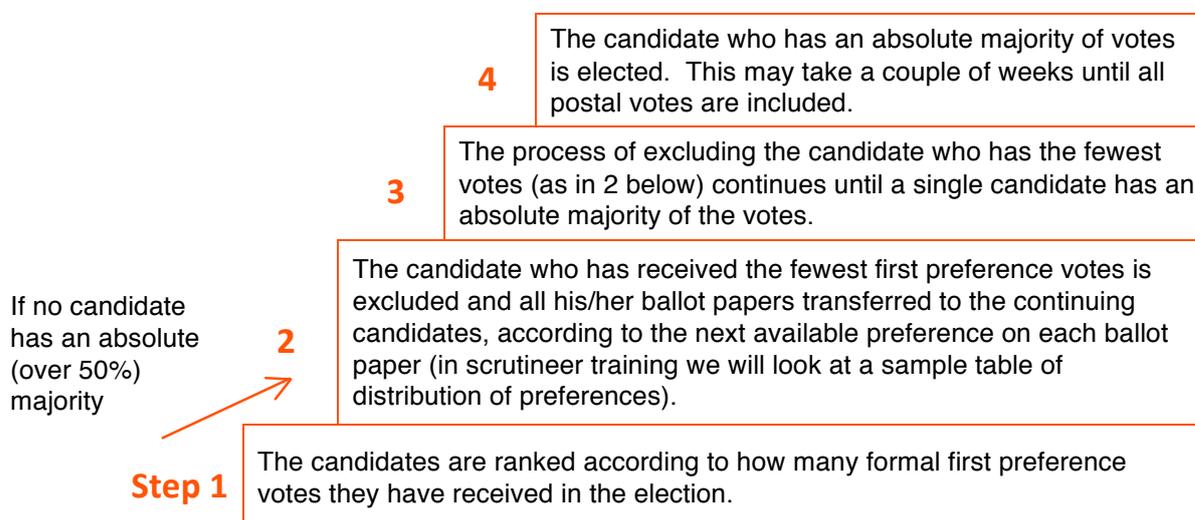
<b>Take with you</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrutineer Appointment Form signed by Cathy McGowan</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notebook and pen</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile phone</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If you have been handing out 'How-to-Vote' cards wearing an orange T-shirt, take something to cover your T-shirt</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If you wish to – something to eat and/or drink</li> </ul>
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	DO...	DON'T...
<b>Your Behaviour</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Give the officer-in-charge (OIC) of the polling place your Scrutineer Appointment Form (s/he is often referred to as the 'presiding officer' during polling)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not wear any Cathy for Indi badge or emblem inside the polling place
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wear the scrutineer's badge that the officer-in-charge will give you	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not take any 'How-to-Vote' material into the polling place (even accidentally)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Represent the Voice 4 Indi values – especially being honest and respectful. Remember it has been a long day for the Electoral Office staff – challenge with respect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do <b>NOT</b> touch any ballot paper/s (even if one or a pile falls to the floor). Alert electoral staff that there are ballot paper/s on the floor
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Put your mobile phone on silent and use it only when given permission to send information back to <b>XX</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not take photos or video
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stand up at all times in the polling place during the vote count	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not unreasonably delay or interfere with the vote sorting and counting process

<b>Vote Count Process &amp; Your Tasks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrive at 'your' polling place at 5:45pm. The polling place is locked at 6pm when voting closes. If you are late, you will be locked out and not able to enter to represent Cathy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Give the officer-in-charge of the polling place your Scrutineer Appointment Form</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There may be a short break at this point and/or there may be a briefing by the Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) – this is the same person who was the OIC but their title changes at 6pm</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballot boxes will be opened; electoral staff will sit to sort the votes into piles – one pile per candidate and one for informal ballot papers. Position yourself around the table to get the best view of what is happening, i.e. the ballot papers as they are being placed. You have a right and a duty to Cathy to be able to clearly see the numbers on each ballot paper</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Your role is to oversee the ballot sorting and counting – ensuring that every possible vote for Cathy is on the Cathy pile. Initially this will only be the ballot papers where there is a '1' recorded next to Cathy. <b>Look out for and make sure that:</b> All ballot papers with '1' Cathy are on Cathy's pile Only ballot papers for other candidates are on their piles (e.g. a Cathy vote is not on another pile)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As you oversee the vote sort, your job is to challenge any ballot paper assessment (see over) if you believe it could be assessed differently - when this would benefit Cathy. Challenge means saying: 'I would like to challenge that vote'. Usually this would then be set aside for a later decision. Ballot papers that have any uncertainty as to their 'formality' will be either 'admitted' or 'rejected' by the ARO (see information re formal and informal votes). If you believe that a vote that benefits Cathy should be admitted, and it has been rejected, challenge this. If a vote that supports another candidate has been accepted, and you believe that it should be rejected, challenge.</li> </ul>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Record</b> result of first preference count and then later the indicative two-candidate preferred count. <b>Text</b> this information to <b>XX</b>	
Ballot Papers	<b>FORMAL VOTES</b> Filled out correctly as per Act	<b>INFORMAL VOTES</b> Not filled out correctly as per Act
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On authentic ballot paper (official mark and initials of issuing officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballot paper not authentic
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Numbering: 1 <sup>st</sup> preference is marked, followed by consecutive numbers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A number of the sequence is missing
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With 11 candidates in Indi, 10 of the 11 boxes are numbered 1-10. It is considered clear that the voter intended the last box to be number 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two or more boxes are unmarked
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Numbering alterations by voter – formal if the voter’s intent is clear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A number is used twice
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Numbers can be written as words (or a mix of words and numbers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Numbering is not ‘decipherable’
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Numbers can be in the boxes, next to the boxes or on the right hand side of the ballot paper (next to the names) as long as the voter’s intent is clear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballot papers with <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in any boxes – even if the other boxes are numbered
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing on the ballot paper does not identify the voter nor impede the reading of the numbers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing on ballot paper identifies the voter or is written across the numbers
Your Task	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All ballot papers that benefit Cathy (ie the number in her box is lower than the major contenders’ numbers) that could be considered formal (and have been considered informal) to be challenged by you so that they will be assessed by the ARO and maybe ‘admitted’ or ‘formal’	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any ballot paper that benefits other ‘major’ candidates and could be considered informal to be challenged (if is being considered as formal) with the chance that they would then be ‘rejected’ or ‘informal’
Tips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The numbers 1, 7 and 11 can look similar. The guide for querying this is that the number could reasonably be considered a ‘1’ (you would only be concerned re this if this would then place the ballot paper on Cathy’s pile or benefit Cathy).	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The numbers 6, 8 and 10 can look similar – if Cathy is due to get the 6th preference but it is not being allocated to her, challenge this if the other numbers look similar	

## Preferential voting steps...



## Further information

See the Scrutineers Handbook at <http://www.aec.gov.au/Elections/candidates/scrutineers.htm>