

2007 STATE ELECTION INDICATORS

* Comparisons with 2003 provided where available

Overview		
	2007	2003
Total enrolment	4,374,029	4,272,104
Updated enrolments (30/1/07 to close of rolls on 5/3/07)	185,350	-
Changes to the roll (6/3/07 to 23/3/07)	64,466	-
18 – 25 year olds enrolled at close of rolls	528,300	-
Voter turnout (participation rate)	92.67%	91.87%
Interstate voters	5,622	-
Overseas voters	6,609	4,429
Antarctic voters	32	-
Total votes admitted to the count	4,052,123	3,924,676
Absent votes	298,135	325,412
Ordinary votes	3,285,087	3,282,424
Postal votes (including registered general postal voters)	223,951	163,108
Pre-poll votes	223,266	134,465
Declared institution votes	15,970	12,816
Section votes	5,714	6,451
Level of informality – Legislative Assembly	2.69%	2.62%
Level of informality – Legislative Council	6.11%	5.34%
Cost of State election	\$38.589M	\$33M

Election Services

	2007	2003
Total candidates	870	944
Candidates - Legislative Assembly	537	660
Candidates - Legislative Council	333	284
Party candidates – Legislative Assembly	459	563
Party candidates – Legislative Council	326	277
Independent candidates – Legislative Assembly	78	97
Ungrouped candidates – Legislative Council	7	7
How to vote cards registered	841	-
How to vote cards referred to the Supreme Court	1	-
% of 1st preference Legislative Assembly votes counted at polling places by 10pm on election night	97%	94%
District recounts	2	0
District declarations	93	92*
Elector brochures dispatched from mail house	4,318,633	-
Circulars sent to returning officers	51	-
Circulars sent to registered political parties	15	-
Election manuals printed	18,132	35,000
Reference rolls produced	9,300	-
Certified lists produced	8,003	-
iRolls provided to polling places	2,300	-
Total polling places	2,576	2,768
Pre-poll voting centres	147	153
Declared institutions	661	704
Interstate voting centres	11	8
Overseas voting centres	27	43
Antarctic voting centres	4	4
Returning officers' offices leased	93	93

* A candidate died on polling day and a by-election was held at a later date.

Disability Access Indicators		
	2007	2003
Organisations invited to attend the Equal Access to Democracy consultations	18	-
Organisations that participated in the consultations	15	-
Number of fully wheelchair accessible polling places	269	-
Number of fully wheelchair accessible returning officers' offices	76	-
Audio files mailed to vision-impaired voters	6,076	5,880
Complaints to Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	1	-



NSWEC Election Personnel		
	2007	2003
Returning officers	93	93
Senior election officials	24	-
Returning officer support officers	10	6
EMA Help Desk staff	4	-
Clerical Assistants and election officials	18,962	25,910

NSWEC Advertising and Communication

	2007	2003
Print advertisement messages	18	-
Print advertisements published	505	-
Radio advertisement messages	4	-
Radio advertisements aired	3,368	-
Television advertisement messages	5	-
Television spots aired	848	-
Total media releases issued	16	-
State wide media outlets	362	-
Regional/rural media outlets	320	-
Metro/suburban media outlets	42	-
Radio interviews conducted with the Electoral Commissioner	94	-
Television interviews conducted with the Electoral Commissioner	2	-
Journalist queries responded to	320	-
Polling place lookup availability on website	From 1/2/07	-
Materials on website available in language other than English	24	-
Virtual tally room – unique visitors on election night per hour	5,000 +	-
Virtual tally room – number of updates - Legislative Assembly	1,014	-
Virtual tally room – number of updates - Legislative Council	123	-

Election Information Centre		
	2007	2003
Calls to service (29/1/07 – 30/3/07)	208,046	87,408
Calls answered by Interactive Voice Response system or abandoned before answered by an operator	31%	-
Calls received on election day	11,393	-
Total hours the service was operational	439	-
Calls to interpreting service (1/2/07 – 24/3/07)	1,825	1,124

Formal Complaints		
	2007	2003
About services to voters	216	-
About the election information centre	16	-
About candidates/registered political parties	46	-
About the media	1	-