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# Report on the Conduct of the Election

Miranda State By-election



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I am pleased to submit to you, for presentation to Parliament, my report on the conduct of the State By-election held on 19 October 2013 for the Legislative Assembly District of Miranda.

Yours sincerely



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## Foreword

This report provides information on the conduct of the by-election held for the Miranda Electoral District on 19 October 2013 following the resignation of Mr Graham Annesley MP on 3 September 2013.

The Writ for the Miranda By-election was issued on Friday, 20 September 2013. This gave the New South Wales Electoral Commission (NSWEC) almost five weeks to prepare the by-election.

The conduct of the election proceeded smoothly. The participation and informality rates for the Miranda By-election were 84.8% and 2.0% respectively. The participation rate was higher than other recent State by-elections. As in other recent by-elections, iVote was provided as an early voting option and was used by 4.2% of electors who chose to vote before election day.

The NSWEC provided the first preference count by 10.30pm on election night and declared the poll at 3pm on Tuesday 22 October, 2013, three days after the election. This was within the range for declaration of the poll for earlier State by-elections.

Delivering efficient, accurate and trusted elections according to electoral legislation relies heavily upon the capability of the NSWEC's staff. I thank my staff and the NSWEC's suppliers and contractors for their contribution and commitment to the successful conduct of the Miranda By-election.

**Colin Barry**  
Electoral Commissioner



## Overview

### By-election Outcome

The candidate elected at the Miranda By-election on 19 October 2013 was Mr Barry Collier (Australian Labor Party) with 18,812 (46.48%) of first preference votes.

### Candidates Standing for Election

Candidate Name	Party Affiliation
Scott, Murray	The Greens
Walters, Lisa	Independent
Collier, Barry	Australian Labor Party
Capsis, George	Christian Democratic Party
Thomas, Brett	Liberal Party
Brett, John	(None advised)

### Cost data

Cost of By-election	\$350,647
Cost per Elector	\$7.20

## By-election Summary

<b>Enrolment</b>	
Total Electors	48,625
Electors enrolled or re-enrolled via SmartRoll	1,005
<b>Polling Booths</b>	
Pre-poll voting centres	2
Polling Places	18
Election Officials	138
<b>Voter Participation</b>	
Formal votes	40,476
Informal votes	813
Total votes	41,289
Voter participation	84.8%
Formality rate	98.0%
Non-voting penalty notices issued	5,451
Penalty notices issued as % of Roll	11.2%
<b>Voting Options used by Electors</b>	
Ordinary	32,201
iVote	679
Postal	2,407
Pre-poll	5,625
Declared Institution	185
Enrol and vote	135
Provisional/Silent	57
<b>Candidates</b>	
Total candidates	6
Female candidates	1
Male candidates	5

## By-election Key Dates

Date	Matter
20 September 2013	Issue of Writ
20 September 2013	Close of Authorised Roll (6pm)
23 September 2013	Candidate nominations open
26 September 2013	Candidate Seminar
25 September 2013	iVote Registration opens (10am)
16 October 2013	Close of iVote Registration (6pm)
2 October 2013	Close of Nominations for Registered Political parties lodging forms with NSWEC Head Office (noon)
3 October 2013	Close of Nominations for candidates lodging forms with Returning Officer (12.00 noon).
3 October 2013	Registration of Electoral Material (how-to-vote) opened (noon)
8 October 2013	Pre-poll and iVote voting opened (8am)
11 October 2013	Close of applications to register Electoral Material (how-to-vote) (5.00pm)
14 October 2013	Close of receipt Overseas Postal Vote applications (6.00pm)
16 October 2013	Close of receipt of within Australia Postal Vote applications (6.00pm)
18 October 2013	iVote and Pre-poll voting Close
19 October 2013	Election Day (8.00am-6.00pm)
23 October 2013	Close of receipt of Postal Vote declarations (6.00pm)
22 October 2013	Declaration of Poll
22 October 2013	Return of Writ
1 July 2014 to 22 September 2014	Disclosures for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (which covers the Miranda By-election) must be lodged between 1 July 2014 and 22 September 2014.



# Features of the Miranda By-election



## 1. Internet and Telephone Voting (iVote)

The amendments to the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* in December 2010 to provide iVote at State General elections enabled internet and telephone voting (iVote) to be used in Parliamentary by-elections. The Miranda By-election was the fifth by-election where iVote was offered.

The iVote service was provided at the State General Election in March 2011, the 2011 Clarence By-election, the 2012 Heffron and Sydney By-elections and the May 2013 Northern Tablelands By-election.

Both online and telephone voting were provided, although online voting has been found to be the preferred form.

The criteria applied to electors seeking to use iVote were the same as in other elections, that is, electors were eligible to use iVote if they:

- had a visual impairment;
- had another disability or disabilities;
- were 20 kilometres or more from a polling place; or
- were outside NSW on election day.

iVote is used as a means of early voting, therefore, it was not available on election day.

Registration was open between 25 September and 16 October 2013. Voting using iVote commenced 8 October 2013 and closed 18 October 2013.

The iVote process is fully encrypted and safeguarded. At close of poll, iVotes are unlocked by officials who print and count these votes.

The number of votes taken was 679 (1.6% total votes).



## 2. Automatic Enrolment and Re-enrolment

The NSWEC has led the way nationally in increasing elector enrolment through automatic enrolment, change of enrolment and re-enrolment using data held by other NSW public sector agencies such as licensing authorities and the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The use of automatic enrolment and re-enrolment processes was tested at the Penrith By-election in June 2010. SmartRoll was implemented for the March 2011 NSW State Election and is now a part of standard operations. At the time of the Miranda By-election 48,625 electors were on the roll for this by-election.

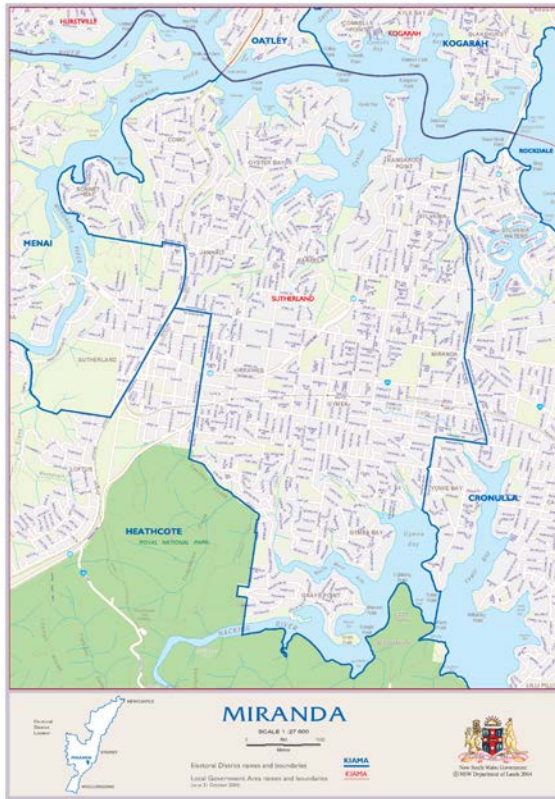
Data from the NSW Roads and Maritime Services was supplemented with data from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages and additional citizenship information. This work affected 1,005 newly enrolled or correctly re-enrolled electors for Miranda, or 2.1% of total electors in the Miranda district.





# Miranda Electoral District

## Miranda District Profile



The State Electoral District of Miranda includes the geographical area from Oyster Bay in the north to the Hacking River in the south; and from the Woronora River in the west to Port Hacking Road North in the east.

### Area

27 square kilometres

### Postcodes

2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2232

## Local Government Areas covered

Part of Sutherland Shire.

## Localities

Bonnet Bay, Como, Grays Point, Gymea, Gymea Bay, Jannali, Kangaroo Point, Kareela, Kirrawee, Miranda, Oyster Bay, Sylvania.

This list is indicative only.

## Demographic Profile

The 2011 census revealed that Miranda had 72,392 residents (excluding overseas visitors) of which 51.1% were female (36,962) and 48.9% were male (35,430). 6.3% (4,542) were Indigenous people.

The median age was 41 years, compared with 37 years in Australia overall. Close to one fifth of the population was aged 65 or over (18.2%) and 27% were aged under 19.

86.8% of people were born in Australia. The most frequent countries of birth after Australia were England (1.9%), New Zealand (0.8%), the United States of America (0.4%), China (excluding the Special Administrative Region and Taiwan) (0.4%) and Germany (0.3%).

English was the only language spoken at home by the vast majority of people (92.2%), though two or more languages were spoken at home in 4.1% of households.

The most common languages spoken at home, other than English, were:

Arabic	0.3%
Mandarin	0.3%
German	0.3%
Italian	0.2%
Cantonese	0.1%

## Historical Electoral Representation

Previous recent State representation for the Miranda District has been:

Tenure	Name	Party
2011 – 3 September 2013	Graham ANNESLEY	Liberal Party
1999 – 2011	Barry Joseph COLLIER	Australian Labor Party
1984 – 1999	Ronald Anthony PHILLIPS	Liberal Party
1978 – 1984	William Edward ROBB	Australian Labor Party



# Services to Electors

## Maximising Participation in the Miranda By-election

The NSWEC undertook an advertising and communication campaign to raise awareness of the Miranda By-election and provide necessary information to electors and candidates. The major aspects of this strategy involved advertisements placed in State and local newspapers, some internet and radio advertising of iVote and provision of information via the NSWEC website and the Returning Officer.

In addition to advertising, the NSWEC provided an elector brochure and email/ SMS notifications sent to registered electors.

### Elector Brochure

An elector brochure was sent to enrolled electors in the Miranda District on 8 October 2013. The brochure provided information on the date of the election, the opening hours, locations and the accessibility of polling places, the mandatory nature of participation in the by-election, voting options if unable to vote on election day, and how to get assistance for electors not confident in written English or unable to read the brochure for other reasons.

Almost 50,000 brochures were provided at a cost of \$36,898 including postage. A copy of the brochure is provided at Appendix A.

### Advertising

The *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* prescribes that certain advertising must occur. The

advertising strategy for the Miranda By-election was comprised of the following phases:

- Enrol to vote / Candidate information seminar
- Issue of Writ / Nominations / Candidate Seminar
- Early voting options – pre-poll, postal, iVote, register electoral material, and work at elections
- Early voting options – pre-poll, postal, iVote, and register electoral material
- Remember to vote, candidates and polling places
- Results

In addition, the Election Funding Authority placed a 'registration of candidates' advertisement.

The schedule of advertising is provided in Appendix B and copies of the advertisements at Appendix C.

### NSWEC Website

The NSWEC's website provided information that all stakeholders, not just electors, needed in order to participate in the by-election. It provided information on the election timetable, employment opportunities, enrolment, polling places, candidate requirements, names of candidates and poll results.

Use of the NSWEC's website is typically greatest on election night when users seek information on results. On election night, the Miranda By-election results page had 3,432 unique views.

## Voter Reminder Service

This reminder service provided electors the opportunity to request to be kept informed of electoral activities and information by SMS messaging or email. This service commenced with the Penrith By-election in 2010 and has been maintained since then. This service was also in place for the NSW State Election in 2011.

In the Miranda By-election, 202 notifications were sent, with 106 by email and 96 by SMS. These electors had subscribed to the notification service and provided preferred contact details.

## Service Standards

The NSWEC seeks to meet the expectations of electors about its electoral services and to this end has developed a Service Charter to outline the NSWEC's election service standards. The 2011 NSW State Election Service Commitments Charter was maintained as the overall service standard for this by-election.

## Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Electors

The Miranda electoral district is not considered to be a high culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) district, so materials were not produced in languages other than English.

## Electors with Disabilities and Access to Polling Places

The NSWEC sought to provide the most accessible and appropriately sited polling places possible for the Miranda By-election. Detailed information was provided, allowing electors with mobility issues or other disabilities to locate the most suitable polling place. This access information was provided on the NSWEC's website, in the elector brochure and by the NSWEC's staff.

The NSWEC again used the Assisted Access rating system. This system rates the accessibility of each of the polling places in the Miranda District, and allows people to make more informed choices about which polling place to use. Appendix D provides the list of all polling places and the access rating.

## Arrangements for Voting before Election Day

Electors unable to vote on election day had the opportunity to vote early using iVote, postal or pre-poll voting. Early voting included voting in Declared Institutions.

A total of 8,896 electors voted early, representing nearly a quarter of total votes. This high volume is in line with a general trend of early voting across NSW and other jurisdictions.



## Postal Voting

Electors unable to attend a polling place on election day were able to apply for a postal vote. Postal vote application forms were available from the Returning Officer and the NSWEC's website. All postal votes were scrutinised by the Returning Officer prior to the return date.

Electors registered as 'General Postal Voters' received vote material sent by post to their address.

The Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party sent out 966 postal vote applications.

A total of 2,407 postal votes (5.8% total votes) were received.

## Pre-poll Voting

Pre-poll voting occurred from Monday, 8 October 2013 until Friday, 18 October 2013 at two locations; the Returning Officer's office and the NSWEC's office in the Sydney CBD.

Pre-polling was not provided overseas or at interstate Electoral Commissions as electors could vote using iVote. There were no complaints regarding this arrangement.

The pre-poll locations were listed in the elector brochure and on the NSWEC website.

### Pre-poll Returning Officer's Office

565 Kingsway, Miranda  
Access: Not fully accessible.

Monday, 8 October to Friday, 18 October – 8am to 6pm excluding Sunday 14 October (closed) and Thursday 17 October 8am to 8pm.

### Pre-poll NSWEC Head Office

Level 25, 201 Kent Street Sydney  
Access: Fully accessible.

Monday, 8 October to Friday, 18 October – 9am to 6pm, closed Saturday and Sunday.

## Polling Places

Securing appropriate premises for polling places and the Returning Officer's office can be difficult. The NSWEC does not own facilities within electoral districts. The pool of available rental premises is limited by the short-term nature of the lease and the NSWEC's space, accessibility and location criteria applied to meet requirements such as workplace health and safety.

There were 19 polling places for the Miranda By-election.

## Hospitals and Declared Institutions

The *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* allows hospitals or similar institutions to be appointed by the Electoral Commissioner as polling places for election day. Similarly the Electoral Commissioner has the power to appoint nursing homes, retirement villages and like facilities as Declared Institutions from which votes can be taken by election officials on the Monday to Friday in the week preceding the election.

In the conduct of the Miranda By-election, six Declared Institutions were visited during the period Monday 8 October 2013 to Friday 18 October 2013.

# Services to Candidates and Registered Political Parties

## Candidate Information Seminar

A Candidate Information Seminar was held on 26 September 2013 at the Returning Officer's office and all intending candidates were invited. The four attendees were given information covering the election timetable, nomination, election advertising and 'how-to-vote' material, voting and formality, scrutineering, vote counting, registration and appointment of candidates and official agents, campaign accounts, political donations, campaign expenditure and disclosure obligations.

## Nominations

Nomination forms were available from the NSWEC website and could be lodged after the issue of the Writ (Friday, 20 September 2013). The Writ set 2 October 2013 as the date for close of nominations for political parties lodging forms with the NSWEC's head office and 3 October 2013 for candidates lodging forms with the Returning Officer.

Registered Officers (or Deputy Registered Officers) of registered political parties could nominate candidates at the NSWEC's office in the city or at the Returning Officer's office in Miranda. Independent candidates could only nominate at the Returning Officer's office.

There were six nominated candidates. Following the close of nominations the Returning Officer conducted a draw to determine the order of candidates on the ballot paper.

## 'How-to-Vote' Material

Registration of 'How-to-Vote' material was handled centrally. Registration of this material opened on 3 October 2013.

Eleven applications were received and ten were registered with one application rejected. All were assessed and decided within 24 hours.

Close of applications to register 'How-to-Vote' materials was 5.00pm, Friday 11 October 2013.

## Postal Vote Applications

Registered Political Parties planning to send Postal Vote Applications to electors were requested to submit these forms to the NSWEC prior to distribution.

## Electoral Material

In the Miranda By-election, there were no reported incidents of electoral material displayed or distributed on election day not complying with the legislative requirements.





# Conducting the Miranda By-election

## Returning Officer Arrangements

Mr Paul Wilcock was the Returning Officer for the Miranda By-election. The Returning Officer's office was situated at 565 Kingsway, Miranda

Returning Officer's duties include:

- set up and decommissioning of the (temporary) office;
- training of office staff and polling place managers;
- arranging voting at polling places and Declared Institutions;
- issuing and processing postal and pre-poll votes;
- dealing with enquiries from candidates and electors and other feedback;
- processing candidate nominations and how-to-vote material; and
- counting votes and declaring the results of the election.

A Returning Officer Support Officer was appointed in the NSWEC's head office to provide support on electoral matters and procedures. This officer was experienced in the Returning Officer role and had worked also in the head office of the NSWEC over many elections.

## Election Costs

The expenditure on the Miranda By-election was \$350,647. The cost per elector was \$7.20. (The expenditure figures are inclusive of iVote expenditure.)

## Logistical and Other Support

### Staffing

The majority of staff were employed to work on election day in polling places as Polling Place Managers or Election Officials. In addition casual staff were employed in the Returning Officer's office to pack materials for each polling place, operate pre-poll voting, visit Declared Institutions, count votes and pack materials after the election.

Recruitment of election staff commenced 25 September 2013 using the NSWEC on-line registration system. 116 Election Officials and 22 Office Assistants were employed. The Polling Place Managers, their Deputies and Declaration Vote Issuing Officers all received online training. All Election Officials were issued a manual to study and for use on election day.

The entire employment process is undertaken online including the provision of bank, tax and superannuation details.

### Supplies

The ballot papers were printed by the NSWEC's preferred security printer with ballot papers having a security background. 63,300 ballot papers were printed. A copy of the ballot paper is at Appendix F.

Providing the right type and quantity of supplies to the right location is comparatively easy in a by-election compared to a State Election. Even so, to adequately supply all 19 polling

places and the Returning Officer's office as well as provide materials to candidates and registered political parties, approximately 23,399 items of election material were distributed over almost two weeks.

## Waste Management

The NSWEC is bound by the NSW Government's waste management policy. In providing electoral services the NSWEC seeks to use, wherever possible, paper and cardboard comprising recycled content and to ensure that the paper and cardboard materials are recycled.

All ballot papers are printed in the most efficient way to minimise cost and paper wastage.

In the Miranda By-election, standard cardboard materials were used in polling places. These included voting screens, wheelchair screens, ballot boxes, caution signs and recycle bins.

After the election, the materials were taken to the nearest council recycling facility.

## IT Support

For the Miranda By-election the Election Management Application was used. An internet based application for the use of Returning Officers, office assistants and head office staff, it consists of a suite of software modules to assist with managing election processes such as enquiries, election day staffing, candidate nominations, the distribution and return of declaration votes, results and non-voter administration.

In addition, IT equipment is provided to the Returning Officer's office and polling places. On 2 October 2013, 22 separate pieces of equipment were distributed to support the conduct of the election.





## Results

On election night, the NSWEC provides the result of counts conducted at each polling place for the first preference vote for each candidate, and the result of the notional count for the two candidates considered most likely to receive the greatest number of votes. The results are shown on election night from 6.30pm and progressively updated.

On the day after polling day, all the ballot papers from every polling place are recounted to ensure the election night count is accurate (the check count).

Declaration votes are added progressively with postal votes accepted up to Wednesday afternoon after election day. At this point, the final distribution of preferences is conducted.

Candidates' scrutineers are welcome to attend all counts.

**Table 1: Final Results Miranda By-election held 19 October 2013**

Candidates	Votes	
Collier, Barry	18,812	ELECTED
Thomas, Brett	15,883	
Capsis, George	2,840	
Scott, Murray	1,757	
Walters, Lisa	842	
Brett, John	342	
<b>Total Formal Votes</b>	40,476	
<b>Total Informal Votes</b>	813	
<b>Total Votes</b>	41,289	
<b>Absolute Majority</b>	20,239	

More detailed information on the counts is available on the NSWEC's website at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au).

The availability of results met the NSWEC's service standards as shown below.

**Table 2: Miranda By-election Results Provision and Targets, 19 October 2013**

Polling Places (44)	TARGET		ACTUAL	
	First Preference	Two Candidate Preferred	First Preference	Two Candidate Preferred
8:00pm	80%	N/A	80%	N/A
9:00pm	90%	N/A	100%	N/A
10:30pm	-	N/A	-	N/A
11:00pm	-	N/A	-	N/A

## Declaration of the Poll

On Tuesday, 22 October 2013, the Returning Officer declared Mr Barry Collier elected.

This was an elapsed time of three days from polling day. The equivalent lapse for by-elections held in 2012 was two to four days, in 2011 it was three days, and in 2010 it was four days.

# Enforcement of Compulsory Voting

## Failure to Vote

Under electoral legislation, the NSWEC is required to issue 'Failure to Vote' notices to those electors whose names were not marked off the electoral roll as having voted or recorded as providing a valid excuse. The penalty for not voting in a State by-election is \$55. The funds generated from penalty notices are not collected or retained by the NSWEC but directed to the consolidated fund held by NSW Treasury.

All electoral rolls marked at polling places or in the Returning Officer's office were scanned after election day to create a list of non-voters for the Miranda.

The number of electors who were issued with penalty notices was 5,451 (11.2% of electors on roll). As at Wednesday 22 January 2013, 451 had been excused from voting, 74 had paid the fine and 6 excuses were rejected.

Higher rates of non-voting tend to be a feature of by-elections as compared to State General elections.

To assist electors avoid this penalty in future elections, the penalty notice advises non-voters of the availability of the 'Voter Reminder Service'.





# Comparison to 2011 State General Election and other by-elections

## Participation and Informality Rates

In the 2011 NSW State Election there were five candidates for the Miranda District. The number of electors enrolled was 50,535, the voter turnout figure was 93.2% and the informality rate was 1.2%.

At the October 2013 by-election, there were seven candidates and the enrolment figure had increased to 51,802. The participation and informality rates were 85.7% and 2.9%. Traditionally, participation rates tend to be lower in by-elections than general elections and informality rates higher.

The participation rate for the Miranda By-election was higher compared to other recent State by-elections at 85.7% and the informality was mid-range (2.9%).

The range of participation rates for the four State by-elections held in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012 was 62.6% to 88.2%. The range of informality rates for these same by-elections was 1.8% to 5.2%.

## Non-voters and Penalty Notices

The penalty notices (PNs) issued for the Miranda By-election was 5,415 or 11.2% of those on the electoral roll. This is markedly lower than the Heffron and Sydney By-elections as the following table shows. (From the Heffron By-election a different policy was implemented whereby those 'SmartRolled' non-voters were issued a penalty notice. This had not occurred in elections prior to the Heffron By-election.)

**Table 3: Penalty Notices, Miranda By-election October 2013 frequency and percentages**

By-election	No. Roll	PNs issued	No. PN as % Roll
Miranda	48,625	5,451	11.2
Northern Tablelands	51,802	6,308	12.2
Sydney	61,428	20,468	33.3
Heffron	55,712	16,176	29.0
Clarence	52,171	6,577	12.6
Penrith	46,304	4,295	9.3
Cabramatta	50,383	4,422	8.8
Port Macquarie	48,198	3,250	6.7
Ryde	48,002	4,726	9.9
Lakemba	51,288	6,700	13.1

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# Appendix A: Miranda By-election 19 October 2013 Elector Brochure

Election Day Polling Places		
Locality	Venue and Address	Accessibility
Bonnet Bay	Bonnet Bay Public School Tudor Road	+
Como	Como Public School Como Street	+
Como	Como West Public School Wolger Street	+
Grays Point	Grays Point Public School 102 Angle Road	1,5
Gymea	Gymea Catholic Church Hall 123 Gymea Bay Road	+
Gymea	Gymea North Public School Ruby Road	+
Gymea Bay	Gymea Bay Public School Gymea Bay Road	♿
Jannali	Jannali East Public School 550 Bos Road	3,4,5
Kareela	Kareela Public School Preya Street	♿
Kirrawee	Kirrawee High School 21 Hunter Street	3
Kirrawee	Kirrawee Public School Clementi Parade	♿
Miranda	Miranda Community Centre 25-27 Karabella Road	♿
Miranda	Miranda Public School 3 Sylvia Avenue	♿
Miranda	Fern Hacking High School 437 Kingsway	+
Oyster Bay	Oyster Bay Public School Shore Street	♿
Sutherland	Sutherland North Public School Auburn Street	1
Sylvania	Frank Victory Village Auditorium 101 Port Hacking Road	♿
Sylvania	Sylvania Heights Public School Veneta Street	♿

Legend	Assisted Access
+	Does not meet accessibility requirements
1	Path of travel from car park may be difficult
2	Access ramp does not meet standards
3	Building has steps and/or ramps
4	No designated disabled parking spot
5	No disabled toilet
6	May have limited circulation space in voting area
7	Door width is between 760 - 800mm
♿	Full Wheelchair Access

\*Information correct as at 26 September 2013

Bring this brochure with you on election day. It will make voting easier.

## Legislative Assembly By-election Saturday, 19 October 2013

### Your guide to voting in Miranda

Your vote is your voice.  
Be heard.

## Miranda State By-election Saturday, 19 October 2013

This brochure contains important information about the election. It's particularly important to remember:

- Polling places will be open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday, 19 October 2013;
- Voting is compulsory for all enrolled electors in the electoral district of Miranda; and
- The penalty for not voting at the by-election is \$55.

### Do I need to vote?

You have received this brochure because you are enrolled in the Legislative Assembly District of Miranda. Voting is compulsory for all enrolled electors.

### Who do I vote for?

You will vote to elect a candidate to represent the electorate of Miranda in the NSW Legislative Assembly. The full list of candidates is available at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or by calling us.

### Where can I vote?

On election day you can vote at the polling places listed in this brochure. Visit the NSWEC website for more details.

### What if I can't get to a polling place on election day?

Vote via internet or telephone

People who are blind, vision impaired or who have another disability, or who will be outside NSW on election day, can apply to use the iVote system to cast their vote over the internet.

To apply visit [Vote.nsw.gov.au](http://Vote.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 2 iVote (1300 24 86 83) or from outside Australia call +612 9290 5287. Applications close 6:00pm EDT on Wednesday, 16 October 2013.

### Vote early in person

You may be eligible to cast a pre-poll vote. Pre-poll voting is available at the following locations and times:

Returning Officer's Office: 565 Kingsway Miranda NSW 2228 (opposite Woolfolds)		
NSW Electoral Commissions Level 25, 201 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000		
Pre-poll voting is available on the following dates	Returning Officer's Office	NSWEC Electoral Commission
Tuesday, 8 October - Friday, 11 October	8.00am - 6.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday, 12 October	9.00am - 5.00pm	Closed
Monday, 14 October - Wednesday, 16 October	8.00am - 6.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday, 17 October	8.00am - 6.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday, 18 October	8.00am - 6.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm

### Vote by post

Postal voting is also available for eligible voters. Application forms are available from [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting the returning officer.

Applications must be received by the returning officer by 6.00pm Wednesday, 16 October 2013 if sent within Australia, or 6.00pm Monday, 14 October 2013 if sent from overseas.

Electors who are general postal voters will automatically be sent their ballot papers without further application.

### Can I get assistance in any other language?

For assistance in a language other than English please call **13 14 50**.

العربية	Italiano	Malayalam	Portuguese
العبرית	日本語	தமிழ்	Português
فارسی	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	தமிழ்	Português
English	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	தமிழ்	Português

For more information:  
[www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)  
or call 1300 135 736

For hearing and speech impaired enquiries, call us via the National Relay Service on 13 36 77



## Appendix B: Miranda By-election 19 October 2013 Schedule of Advertising

Message/Publication	Advertisement Date
<b>Enrol / Candidate seminar / EOI</b>	
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Thursday, 19 September 2013
<b>Issue of Writ / Nominations / Candidate Seminar</b>	
Daily Telegraph	Monday, 23 September 2013
Sydney Morning Herald	Monday, 23 September 2013
<b>Issue of Writ / Nominations</b>	
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Thursday, 26 September 2013
<b>Early Voting Options / Register Electoral Material / Work at election</b>	
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Thursday, 3 October 2013
<b>Early Voting Options / Register Electoral Material (Repeat)</b>	
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Tuesday, 9 October 2013
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Thursday, 10 October 2013
<b>Remember to Vote</b>	
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Tuesday, 15 October 2013
<b>Results</b>	
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Tuesday, 8 October 2013
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Thursday, 10 October 2013
St George Leader (Sutherland edition)	Tuesday, 15 October 2013



## Appendix C: Miranda By-election 19 October 2013 Copies of Advertisements

Enrol to Vote

### Legislative Assembly By-election District of Miranda

#### Enrol to Vote

To be eligible to vote at the upcoming Miranda State By-election, you must be correctly enrolled. If you think your enrolment details may be out of date and you wish to update them, or if you have turned 18, become an Australian citizen recently or you wish to enrol for the first time visit the website or call us for more information.

**For enquiries about your enrolment visit  
[www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)  
or call 1300 135 736**

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**Legislative Assembly  
By-election  
District of Miranda  
Saturday,  
19 October 2013**

On Friday, 20 September 2013, I received from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, The Honourable Shelley Hancock MP, a Writ for the election of one Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Miranda. The Writ sets the following dates:

**Close of Nominations:**

12 noon, Thursday, 3 October 2013

**Election Day:**

Saturday, 19 October 2013

*Linda Franklin, Acting Electoral Commissioner*

**How to Nominate as a Candidate**

To nominate you must lodge a nomination form, child-related conduct declaration and a \$250 nomination deposit by 12 noon, Thursday, 3 October 2013 with the Returning Officer. Registered Political Parties lodging nominations with NSW Electoral Commission head office must do so by 12 noon Wednesday, 2 October 2013. Nomination forms and the Handbook for Parties, Groups, Candidates and Scrutineers – Miranda State By-election are available from the Returning Officer or from the NSW Electoral Commission website [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au). For nomination enquiries call Greg Copson (02) 9290 5904.

**Returning Officer:** Paul Wilcock

**Returning Office Address:**

565 Kingsway, Miranda NSW 2228  
(opposite Westfields)

**Postal address:**

PO Box 223, Miranda NSW 1490

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## Early voting options

# Legislative Assembly By-election District of Miranda Saturday, 19 October 2013

### Early Voting Options

**The Miranda State By-election is on Saturday, 19 October 2013. If you can't get to a polling place, or you're out of the State on election day you may be eligible to vote early.**

#### You can enrol or update your details when you vote

If you are not on the electoral roll in NSW or you are enrolled at an old address and now live in the Miranda State electoral district you may be eligible to enrol or update your details when you vote early in person. Just bring your NSW photo driver licence or NSW Photo Card showing your current address in the Miranda State electoral district, and Australian citizenship details if you were born overseas. To check your enrolment details go to [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 135 736.

#### Vote by post

You can vote by post by lodging a postal vote application with the Returning Officer by 6.00pm Monday, 14 October 2013 if you're overseas, or by 6.00pm Wednesday, 16 October 2013 if you're in Australia. You can obtain a postal vote application at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or request one by calling us.

#### Vote early in person

You may be eligible to cast a pre-poll vote from Tuesday, 8 October 2013. Pre-poll voting is available at the following locations and times:

Returning Officer's Office: 565 Kingsway Miranda NSW 2228 (opposite Westfields) NSW Electoral Commission: Level 25, 201 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000		
Dates	Returning Officer's Office	NSW Electoral Commission
Tuesday, 8 October - Friday 11 October	8.00am – 6.00pm	9.00am – 5.00pm
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#### Vote via the internet or telephone

People who are blind, vision impaired or who have another disability, or who will be outside NSW on election day can apply to use the iVote system to cast their vote over the internet or the telephone. To apply visit [iVote.nsw.gov.au](http://iVote.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 2 iVote (1300 24 86 83) or from outside Australia call +612 9290 5287. Applications are now open and close 6:00pm EDST, Wednesday, 16 October 2013.

**REMEMBER VOTING IS COMPULSORY.  
THE FINE FOR NOT VOTING IS \$55.**

### Register Your Electoral Material

**Electoral material, including how to vote cards, to be distributed on election day by candidates, registered political parties or any person or organisation, must be registered.**

Information about electoral material is available in the Handbook for Parties, Groups, Candidates and Scrutineers – State By-Election available from the NSW Electoral Commission or [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications to register electoral material should be forwarded to the NSWEC:**

**Email** – [howtovote@elections.nsw.gov.au](mailto:howtovote@elections.nsw.gov.au)

**Fax** - (02) 9290 5488

**Mail** - GPO BOX 832 Sydney NSW 2001

**Deliver in person** - Level 25, 201 Kent St Sydney 2000

Applications must be received by 5 pm Friday, 11 October 2013. Material received after the deadline will not be considered.

Electoral material distributed before election day is not required to be registered but must comply with electoral legislation.

### Work at the election

If you are interested in working as an election official and you are on the electoral roll, please register your expression of interest online.

**For information: [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)  
or call 1300 135 736.**

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## Legislative Assembly By-election District of Miranda Saturday, 19 October 2013

### Remember to Vote this Saturday

**Saturday, 19 October is election day. Polling places are open from 8am to 6pm.**

A full list of polling places is available by visiting our website or calling us.

Pre-poll voting is available until 6pm on Friday, 18 October 2013. Pre-poll locations and times are also available on our website or by calling us.

#### You can enrol or update your details when you vote

All enrolled electors have been sent an elector brochure to their postal address. If you are not on the electoral roll or you are enrolled at an old address but now live in the Miranda electoral district, you can enrol or update your details and vote on election day. Just bring your NSW photo driver licence or NSW Photo Card showing your current address in the Miranda electoral district, and your Australian citizenship or passport details if you were born overseas.

To check your current enrolment details visit our website or call us.

CANDIDATES	
SCOTT Murray	THE GREENS
WALTERS Lisa	INDEPENDENT
COLLIER Barry	LABOR
CAPSIS George	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY
THOMAS Brett	LIBERAL
BRETT John	

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## Appendix D: Miranda By-election 19 October 2013 Polling Places

Polling Place Name	Address	Accessibility
<b>Bonnet Bay Public School</b>	Tudor Road, Bonnet Bay NSW 2226	Not Accessible
<b>Como Public School</b>	Genoa Street, Como NSW 2226	Not Accessible
<b>Como West Public School</b>	Wolger Street, Como NSW 2226	Not Accessible
<b>Frank Vickery Village Auditorium</b>	101 Port Hacking Road, Sylvania NSW 2224	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
<b>Grays Point Public School</b>	109 Angle Road, Grays Point NSW 2232	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No disabled toilet</li> <li>• Path of travel from car park may be difficult</li> </ul>
<b>GyMEA Bay Public School</b>	GyMEA Bay Road, GyMEA Bay NSW 2227	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
<b>GyMEA Catholic Church Hall</b>	123 GyMEA Bay Road, GyMEA NSW 2227	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
<b>GyMEA North Public School</b>	Ruby Road, GyMEA NSW 2227	Not Accessible
<b>Jannali East Public School</b>	500 Box Road, Jannali NSW 2226	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building has lips and/or steps</li> <li>• No designated disabled parking spot</li> <li>• No disabled toilet</li> </ul>
<b>Kareela Public School</b>	Freya Street, Kareela NSW 2232	Fully Wheelchair Accessible

Polling Place Name	Address	Accessibility
<b>Kirrawee High School</b>	21 Hunter Street, Kirrawee NSW 2232	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building has lips and/or steps</li> </ul>
<b>Kirrawee Public School</b>	Clements Parade, Kirrawee NSW 2232	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
<b>Miranda Community Centre</b>	95a-97 Karimbla Road, Miranda NSW 2228	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
<b>Miranda Public School</b>	3 Sylva Avenue, Miranda NSW 2228	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
<b>Oyster Bay Public School</b>	Short Street, Oyster Bay NSW 2225	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
<b>Port Hacking High School</b>	637 Kingsway, Miranda NSW 2228	Not Accessible
<b>Sutherland North Public School</b>	Auburn Street, Sutherland NSW 2232	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Path of travel from car park may be difficult</li> </ul>
<b>Sylvania Heights Public School</b>	Venetia Street, Sylvania NSW 2224	Fully Wheelchair Accessible



## Appendix E: Miranda By-election 19 October 2013 Ballot Paper

**Ballot Paper**  
Legislative Assembly Election – Electoral District of  
**Miranda**  
Held on 19 October 2013

**DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING**  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

- Write the number **1** in the square next to the candidate of your choice.
- You can show more choices, if you want to, by writing numbers in the other squares, starting with the number **2**.
- Fold this ballot paper so your vote cannot be seen and place it in the ballot box (or in the envelope provided).

### CANDIDATES

- SCOTT Murray**  
THE GREENS
- WALTERS Lisa**  
INDEPENDENT
- COLLIER Barry**  
LABOR
- CAPSIS George**  
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- THOMAS Brett**  
LIBERAL
- BRETT John**

**You must not take a ballot paper out of the polling place**



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