

Scrutineer appointment and undertaking form

Year Federal election

To the Divisional Returning Officer

Through the Officer-in-Charge/Supervisor

Division

Polling place/
counting centre

Section A: Candidate details

I hereby appoint the person named in Section B below to represent me as a scrutineer at your polling place/counting centre at the abovementioned federal election.

Name of candidate as it appears on the ballot paper Signature Date / /

Name of registered party (if applicable)

Section B: Scrutineer details

Family name Given name/s

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Section C: Undertaking by scrutineer

I undertake for the purpose of subsection 202A(3) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*:

- i. Not to, either directly or indirectly, divulge or communicate any information with respect to the vote of an elector acquired by me in the performance of my duties or functions or in the exercise of my powers, under this Act or the regulations, in a manner that is likely to enable the identification of an elector
- ii. Not to interfere with or attempt to influence the vote of any elector (section 200DB and section 218 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*)
- iii. Not to communicate with any person in the polling booth or pre-poll voting office except so far as is necessary in the discharge of my duties or performance of my functions
- iv. To inform myself of my obligations under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* the relevant offence provisions under this Act
- v. To carry out my duties and functions in accordance with the requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, including complying with any lawful direction given under s 348 designed to address the health risks presented by Covid-19 infection (which may include wearing face masks during scrutiny).
- vi. To at all times, wear the scrutineer identification supplied to me by the AEC within a polling place or counting centre, and
- vii. Not to use any image recording device (including cameras, video recorders and video-enabled mobile phones) to record images of ballot papers or declaration envelopes, or any other images that might identify an elector and how they have voted, in a polling place.
- viii. Not to use any device with the potential capability of image-recording (including, but not limited to, mobile phones, tablets, cameras and video recorders) in the scrutiny area of a counting centre.

I have read and understood the above undertakings. I understand that should I fail to adhere to the above guidelines, I may be asked to leave the polling place or counting centre. I recognise that the AEC produces the 'Scrutineers Handbook' to assist me in understanding my duties, functions and obligations, and relevant offence provisions.

Scrutineer Signature Date / /

Scrutineers Handbooks are available from the Divisional Returning Officer or the AEC website www.aec.gov.au

Safeguard of official information: your attention is directed to:

- *Public Service Regulations 1999* (Cth), Part 2, Division 2.1: an employee must not disclose confidential information obtained in connection with the employee's employment, and
- Section 70 of the *Crimes Act 1914*: it is an offence to publish or communicate any fact or document which comes to an Officer's knowledge, or into possession, by virtue of being a Commonwealth officer, and which it is the Officer's duty not to disclose. **Penalty:** Imprisonment for 2 years.