## 2011 State General Election

## **Legislative Assembly**

The Distribution of Preferences shown below identifies the candidate who has won the election after the first preference count.

A full distribution of preferences was not undertaken and it is not possible to definitively state which two candidates would be the last two candidates in the count, should a distribution of preferences have been undertaken. The Two Candidate Preferred (TCP) count can only be taken as a definitive distribution if the minor candidates have insufficient votes to change the TCP candidate selection.

## **Preferential Count explanation**

The Preferential Count page displays a progressive count where a candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and his/her ballot papers are distributed to the remaining candidates according to the next available preference shown on the ballot paper.

To be elected, a candidate must obtain more than 50% + 1 of the total formal votes in the count. First, all the number "1" votes are counted for each candidate. These are called First Preference Votes. If a candidate has more than half the total of First Preference Votes, that candidate is elected.

If no candidate has more than half of the first preferences, the candidate with the fewest votes is excluded. That candidate's votes are moved on to the other candidates according to the second preference (the 2's) shown by the voters on that candidate's ballot papers. Ballot papers which only show a first preference vote are excluded and are not considered as part of the count. This process progresses excluding the candidate with the fewest votes until one candidate has more than half the total votes remaining in the count and is declared elected.



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## **Distribution of Preferences Countsheet**

**Myall Lakes** 26 March 2011 Count 1 Current as at : 5/04/2011 11:39 Votes Votes Votes Votes Votes Votes Votes Candidates VOTES DISTRIBUTED PROGRESSIVE TOTALS VOTES DISTR BROMHEAD Stephen (Nationals) **ELECTED** 29,679 PETROULAKIS David (Labor) 5,904 WRIGHT Barry (Independent) 1,116 SMITH Greg (The Greens) 3,084 ATTKINS Steve (Independent) 6,186 45,969 **Total Formal Votes Exhausted Votes** 1,230 **Total Informal Votes** 47,199 **Total Votes Absolute Majority:** 22,985 Congratulations, distribution complete. **BROMHEAD Stephen (Nationals) will be elected** provided no recount required. Scrutineer Signature Scrutineer Signature Returning Officer Signature Date

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