## 2011 State General Election

## Legislative Assembly

The Distribution of Preferences shown below identifies the candidate who has won the election after a full distribution of preferences.

There may be a small variation in the votes shown in the last two candidates in this count to that shown in the Two Candidate Preferred (TCP) count. The Electoral Commissioner accepts these variations as an outcome of a manual count process where the variation has no material impact on the outcome of the election.

## **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.

## **Distribution of Preferences Countsheet** SE.523L Maitland 26 March 2011 Count 2 Count 3 Count 4 Current as at : Count 1 **BROWN** John BALFOUR Anna TRANTER Kellie 4/04/2011 18:30 Excluded Excluded Excluded 1127 3266 10921 Votes Votes Votes Votes Votes Votes Votes Candidates First Preference Votes VOTES DISTRIBUTED PROGRESSIVE TOTALS VOTES DISTR BROWN John (The Greens) 3,242 24 3,266 TRANTER Kellie (Independent) 9,890 158 10,048 873 10,921 TERENZINI Frank (Labor) 14,160 55 14,215 14,776 2,359 17,135 561 BALFOUR Anna (Christian Democratic Party) 1,127 PARKER Robyn (Liberal) ELECTED 19,600 370 19,970 182 20,152 1,905 22,057 48,019 607 47,499 1,616 45,849 4,264 39,192 **Total Formal Votes** 8,827 520 520 1,650 2,170 6,657 Exhausted Votes 1,535 1,535 1,535 1,535 **Total Informal Votes** 49,554 1127 49554 3266 49554 10921 49554 **Total Votes** Absolute Majority: 24.010 23.750 22.925 19.597 Congratulations, distribution complete. PARKER Robyn (Liberal) will be elected provided no recount required. 1 1 Scrutineer Signature Scrutineer Signature Returning Officer Signature Date Version 1.9.8 21/12/2010 PB Scrutineer Signature Scrutineer Signature