



RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL ON ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Notice is given under Section 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that the Timaru District Council and the Geraldine Licensing Trust have both resolved to hold the next triennial general election in October 2022 under the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system. The Council passed this resolution on Tuesday 11 August 2020 and the Geraldine Licensing Trust on Monday 24 August 2020.

Electors have a right to demand a poll at any time to countermand the Council's or Trust's decision to use the First Past the Post electoral system. Should a valid demand for a poll be received by 21 February 2021 (effective 22 February 2021), a poll will be held by 21 May 2021 on whether the First Past the Post or the Single Transferable Voting electoral system will be used for the next two triennial elections (2022 and 2025) of the Timaru District Council or Geraldine Licensing Trust. If a valid demand for a poll is received after 21 February 2021 (effective 22 February 2021), a poll will be held after 21 May 2021 with the outcome applicable for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections. Please note a separate demand must be received applying to the relevant issue (i.e. Timaru District Council or Geraldine Licensing Trust).

A valid demand must be made in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001, being:

- made in writing; and
- signed by at least 5% (i.e. for Timaru District Council approx. 1,675, for Geraldine Licensing Trust approx. 237) of the number of electors enrolled as eligible to vote at the previous triennial general election of the Timaru District Council or Geraldine Licensing Trust; and
- signed by people qualified as eligible electors of the Timaru District Council or Geraldine Licensing Trust; and
- delivered to the office of the Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru by 5pm, Monday 22 February 2021 (for the outcome of the poll to apply to the 2022 triennial election).

Every elector who signs a demand must also state his or her full name and the address for which he or she is qualified as an elector of the Timaru District Council or Geraldine Licensing Trust.

For further information on an electors' right to demand a poll, please contact the Electoral Officer, Mark Low (03 687 7200) at Timaru District Council.

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