



Pre Polling Briefing

Polling booths that open before election day

Thankyou for considering volunteering to hand out how-to-vote cards to voters at pre-poll booths. The Party has limited resources and can only provide materials for election day itself. If you wish to be a volunteer at the prepolls you will need to download your materials and have them printed by yourself. It is DIY. The how to vote materials are available to download from <http://www.wikileaksparty.org.au/resources/> and T-shirts can be ordered from the shop at <http://shop.wikileaksparty.org.au/>

First of all, please only read this briefing in conjunction with the volunteers pack
https://wikileaksparty.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/WLP_volunteer-pack2013.pdf

Before Polling Day & Things to Bring

- Scissors, packing tape, string, hole punch, cable ties, felt pens, pens, post-it notes
- Umbrella, spare sunscreen & insect repellent, hat, closed shoes.
- Cold esky of food for booth volunteers: simple sandwiches, water, fruit, museli bars etc.
- Check the weather forecast the night before.

At the Polling Booth

- At the polling booth the senior Electoral official is called the Returning Officer and you must follow all their directions, much like the captain of a ship.
- Select a location close to the entrance of the main gate to the polling centre, but not inside. If you have a portable table, work out which gates will be used, put your campaign signs around at entrance to the gates. Please read the instruction regarding where you can stand and always follow the directions of Australian Election Commission staff.
- Attach campaign posters to surrounding structures using cable ties or tape, remember. Any a-frame posters blocking paths will need to be removed at the end of the day. Again, please read the instructions regarding what is permissible and follow all directions of Australian Election Commission staff.
- Volunteers should not impede voters, be well dressed in their campaign T-shirt and be polite at all times.



- Volunteers should not engage in conversation with other booth workers – keep team focused on securing votes for the candidate.
- Check all materials being distributed at the pre-poll have been correctly authorised and approved. They will say Approved by John Shipton.
- Raise any issues regarding the operation of the pre-poll booth with the Returning Officer or contact the Wikileaks Party coordinator for your state:

NSW Jonathan Macleod 0405 458 298

VIC Jennifer White 0400 779 809

WA Kayla Duperouzel 0426 279 262

- At the end of the day pack up all election signage that is freestanding and blocking pathways, and equipment, and ensure there is no litter left behind.

What to do

- “How To Vote” volunteers are not allowed in the grounds of the voting booth, unless they are going in to vote. In any case, no one can enter the actual polling station while carrying any party identification, such as badges, caps, etc. and you should remove or cover them.
- If you set up a card table remember to mark it with your name and address. It is useful to store how-to-vote (HTV) cards. If cloth covers are used, please provide a sheet of plastic so that the table, etc. are protected if it looks like raining or it’s forecast.
- If you have how-to-vote cards about 10% of voters will go straight up to the booth worker of their party choice, take one HTV and walk in a determined fashion towards the booth.
- Don’t worry about them. They’ve made up their minds and it is fruitless to give them your HTV.
- Concentrate on those who are willing to accept your HTV.
- When handing out HTV’s, you should generally be pleasant. You may be asked to say something specific, such as “Vote Wikileaks”
- Do what you feel comfortable doing and what seems appropriate at the time!
- Voters tend to come in waves. When a group turns up, simply hold out an HTV form. Most people will gladly take one.
- While you’re waiting for the next voter/s, fan the How-to-Vote papers out in one hand so that you can quickly pick them off and hand them out in a way that people can read them before taking them.



- Please do not stand back and wait to be asked for a HTV! Approach everyone who is willing to accept one.
- If voters want to know more occasionally, some people may ask why they should vote. Only explain things to such people if you have time.
- By all means, help people or explain things to them - but remember, the vital thing is to get HTVs into as many peoples' hands as possible.
- Sometimes people from opposition parties will engage you in conversation just to waste your time and try and prevent you from handing out HTVs. Be polite and just excuse yourself when voters come along. If they're genuine they'll be happy to wait.
- *On no account, get into arguments* with voters or HTV people from other parties. If anyone argues with you, be polite, but move away from them and stay away.
- In general, you will find that most of the people handing out HTVs for all parties are quite polite and get on well together.



Posters & Signage

We recommend the official candidate posters:

NSW http://www.wikileaksparty.org.au/downloads/logos/WLP-poster_TAJ_nsw.pdf

VIC http://www.wikileaksparty.org.au/downloads/logos/WLP-poster_TAJ_victoria.pdf

WA http://www.wikileaksparty.org.au/downloads/logos/WLP-poster_TAJ_wa.pdf

- You can generally put signs on fences some distance from a building.
- You can definitely NOT put signs on walls close to a building, or on a building itself.
- A-frames or staked corflutes can only be put on grass verges or unusually wide footpaths, as the booth officer will make you remove them if they are at all in the way of entering or exiting voters.
- For those of you who haven't come across this term before, a corflute is a cardboard backed election poster! You can make your own by gluing an election poster to some cardboard.
- A-frames - method 1 can be made by putting two corflutes together at the top, face down. You can then get some cheap brown plastic adhesive tape and stick them together at the top. When they are folded back-to-back, pierce with the screwdriver about 2.5 cm (1") from the base. Tie a big knot in a piece of stout cord, thread through one corflute, open the A-frame out to a suitable size, thread through the other corflute, cut off the cord and tie a knot in that end.
- You can now take 2 bricks and put one on the cord each side of the base reasonably close to the corflutes. This will hold it OK except in fairly windy conditions.
- A-frames - method 2 can be made by taping 2 corflutes together back to back about one third of the way down. Put a brick between the two corflutes at the bottom and tape the corflutes to the brick. You can put the tape under the brick with the ends sticking out, put the corflutes against the sides of the brick and tape them up.
- Staked Corflutes work fine if you have a grass verge to place them on. Get a standard garden stake, the height of the corflute plus about 30%, attach two corflutes to it, back to back. This is quick and easy. It doesn't work too well in high winds. You can nail the corflutes, but it is probably better with a staple gun if you have one.

How To Vote cards

NSW http://www.wikileaksparty.org.au/downloads/logos/wlp_htv-NSW.pdf

VIC http://www.wikileaksparty.org.au/downloads/logos/wlp_htv-VIC.pdf

WA http://www.wikileaksparty.org.au/downloads/logos/wlp_htv-WA.pdf