

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTORAL) AMENDMENT
REGULATIONS 2025**

Subordinate Legislation No. 8 of 2025

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I, Hugh Crosby Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Responsible Minister:

S. M. EDGINGTON

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development

H. C. HEGGIE

Administrator

Date of making: 26 June 2025

1	Title
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These Regulations may be cited as the *Local Government (Electoral) Amendment Regulations 2025*.

2	Commencement
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These Regulations commence on the day after the day on which they are made.

3	Regulations amended
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These Regulations amend the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021*.

4	Regulation 7 amended (Form of nomination)
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- (1) Regulation 7(1)(b)
- omit*
- of the nominee
- insert*
- under which the nominee is enrolled
- (2) After regulation 7(1)(b)
- insert*
- (ba) state the name the nominee wishes to have printed on the ballot paper; and
- (3) Regulation 7(2) and (3)
- omit, insert*
- (2) Despite subregulation (1)(b), if the enrolled address of a nominee is suppressed, the nomination is not required to state the address but the nomination must instead state a postal address for correspondence.
- (3) For subregulation (1)(ba), the name the nominee wishes to have printed on the ballot paper must be:
- (a) the name stated under subregulation (1)(b); or

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- (b) the surname stated under subregulation (1)(b) and:
- (i) one or more of the given names stated under subregulation (1)(b); or
 - (ii) an initial or initials standing for the given name or names stated under subregulation (1)(b); or
 - (iii) a commonly accepted variation of the given name stated under subregulation (1)(b), such as an abbreviation, truncation or alternative form of the name; or
 - (iv) a commonly used name specific to the nominee by which the nominee is usually identified; or
 - (v) a combination of no more than 2 of the names, initials or variations specified in subparagraphs (i) to (iv).

(3A) For subregulation (3)(b)(iv), the returning officer may require the nominee to produce evidence to the satisfaction of the returning officer that the proposed name is a commonly used name specific to the nominee by which the nominee is usually identified.

5 Regulation 65 amended (Scrutiny of postal voting papers)

(1) Regulation 65(3)

omit

(2) Regulation 65(4)(a), after "certificate"

insert

and the authorised officer has no reason to doubt that the signature is that of the voter

(3) After regulation 65(4)

insert

(4A) For subregulation (4)(a), if the authorised officer has any reason to doubt that the signature on the postal vote certificate is that of the voter, the authorised officer must:

- (a) check the signature against the most recent record (if any) of the voter's signature that is available to the authorised officer; and

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- (b) if the authorised officer remains in any doubt as to whether the signature is that of the voter, the authorised officer must:
- (i) make all reasonable attempts to contact the voter; and
 - (ii) give the voter the opportunity to provide evidence of the voter's identity by 12 noon on the 13th day after election day.

6 Regulations further amended

The Schedule has effect.

7 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.

Schedule Regulations further amended

regulation 6

Provision	Amendment	
	<i>omit</i>	<i>insert</i>
regulation 9(1)(c)	of the nominee	stated under regulation 7(1)(b)
regulation 12(2)(a) and (b)(i), after "name"		or names
regulation 12(2)(a)	regulation 7	regulation 7(1)(ba)
regulation 12(4)	whole subregulation	
Schedule 1, clause 18(a), after "name"		or names