

# 07/10/2023– ELT Situation Report Week 4

As at 1.24pm 07/10/2023 prepared by Crispian [REDACTED]

<b>Distributed to</b>	ELT Members
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<b>Previous ELT SITREP</b>	<a href="#">3 ELT Standup SITREPS 4 06102023 FINAL.docx</a>
<b>Overview</b>	<p><b>Summary of the weekly event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media release on Rural Voting Places</li> <li>Media stand up this afternoon at 4pm</li> </ul>
<b>Key Dates</b>	Days to election day <b>7 days</b>
<b>After hours emergency contact number</b>	<p><b>ELT ON CALL FOR TODAY – Leigh Deuchars</b></p> <p>In case of any emergency or any decision that you require from ELT after hours, please ring this number.</p> <p>Number to ring – [REDACTED]</p> <p>After hours - 5pm until 8.30am</p>
<b>Voting Services</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE/ISSUES:</b></p> <p><b>Overseas Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A robbery incident at Gibson Sheat on Level 1, it was a smash and grab raid in the afternoon at the jeweller business. No impact and interruption to overseas site and work. Added extra security.</li> </ul> <p><b>Voting Place – Auckland North</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Busy at malls and will get busier by the day.</li> <li>Investigating a complaint on [REDACTED] electioneering within buffer zone.</li> </ul> <p><b>Voting Place – Auckland South</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An incident at Tekapo, Port of Waikato. A voter posted on Facebook regarding a pre-populated ballot paper by Election Commission</li> <li>Electorate Manager investigated the issue:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First voter issued with the wrong ballot paper – Waikato – Hauraki. The voter completed the vote and ticked National Party on the ballot paper and realised was issued with the wrong electorate. Issued with new ballot paper within the voter’s electorate.</li> <li>Second voter was issued with the earlier invalid marked ballot paper and posted this on Facebook.</li> <li>Rectified the issue and raised an incident report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Voting Place - Central North Island</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An incident at the Waihe Beach community centre Voting Place. It opened an hour late at 11am as the Voting Place Manager (VPM) locked the key centre in the building. Property manager was called to open. Two voters were waiting. The VPM apologised profusely.</li> <li>Collating information for rural Voting Places.</li> </ul> <p><b>Voting Place – Lower North Island</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An incident at Ōhāriu Electorate with an aggravated voter who is a frequent visitor to the community centre. Added security guard.</li> <li>[REDACTED] 6(c)</li> <li>Complaint received about difficulty to find Voting Place inside of the Queensgate Mall. Arranged for more visible posters and signage.</li> <li>Regional Manager visited a marae as was informed that Māori TV will be visting the Voting Place. They arrived 3 hours later. Filmed there but also wanted to film at another Voting Place, which was closed. They were fine about it.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Voting Place – South Island</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incidents at Dunedin South and Nelson Warehouse as voters could not find the Voting Places.</li> <li>• Collating information from Electorate Managers regarding closure of rural Voting Places.</li> <li>• The Edgar Centre, Dunedin South was advertised as accessible. Currently there is lift maintenance and is no longer accessible. Updating the information on the website regarding this.</li> </ul>
<b>Update from Chief Electoral Officer/ Chief Executive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that RadioNZ ran a story regarding access to rural voting without talking to the Commission for information. The leader of NZ First put out a Facebook and Twitter posts regarding closures.</li> <li>• The Commission has put out a press release to inform about rural Voting Places.</li> <li>• There is a media stand up at 4.00pm this afternoon to cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on EasyVotes</li> <li>• Voting without any identification</li> <li>• Rural Voting Places</li> <li>• Positive stories</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower North Island Regional Manager and Taranaki King Country (TKC) Electorate Manager will attend the Executive Leadership Team meeting this afternoon at 4.30pm to look at a response to changes in the ED offering in TKC.</li> </ul>
<b>Enrolment</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spike in enrolment numbers from Advance Voting Places.</li> </ul>
<b>IT</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing significant to report.</li> </ul>
<b>Customer Services</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volume and type of enquiries within expectation.</li> <li>• The themes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voting places</li> <li>• Voting without identification</li> <li>• Voters requesting to be removed from a roll</li> <li>• Number of Voting Places open during Election Day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Communications and Education</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media release put out for today and preparing for media stand up at 4pm.</li> <li>• Working with Enquiries regarding the knowledge on rural Voting Places</li> </ul>
<b>Legal &amp; Policy</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE/ISSUES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing a number of enquiries.</li> <li>• Investigating on NZ Loyal campaigning at Palmerston whether it was within the allocated buffer zone</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Engagement and Partnership</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The engagement team transitioning into assisting at Voting Places.</li> </ul>
<b>Security &amp; Integrity</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing significant to report.</li> <li>• Just a reminder that Regional Security and Resilience Advisors are available from 8am – 6pm and use the after hours contact number if required.</li> </ul>
<b>People and Culture (P&amp;C)</b>	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing significant to report.</li> </ul>
<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Severe Weather</b>	No severe weather.
<b>MetService Extended Forecast 5 -6 October</b>	<p><b>Saturday:</b> North Island: Occasional rain developing. South Island: Occasional rain or showers for most.</p> <p><b>Chatham Islands</b></p> <p>A few showers on Thursday with westerlies, then cloudy periods on Friday and Saturday with winds turning northerly.</p>