



Mr Mark Dacombe  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Town of Port Hedland  
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Dear Mr Dacombe,

**Date for Local Government Extraordinary Election 2025**

Thank you for your recent letter informing the WA Electoral Commission of Councillor Ambika Rebello's resignation thereby creating a vacancy on Council. The letter also notes that the Mayor or Council has until the 28 June 2025 to set a date of an extraordinary election.

At our Teams meeting on 11 June 2025, we were able to discuss the requirements and issues that both the Town and the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) would have to implement to run a successful election in the community weeks before the ordinary election.

To provide the best possible support to the Town of Port Hedland and its community, we have determined that the earliest we could run an extraordinary election for the vacancy created by Councilor Rebello's resignation is the 18 October 2025 to coincide with the general local government election.

This date will allow the Town to focus effort into the delivery of one singular election, which will in turn maximise voter participation as well as being cost effective for both the Town and the Commission.

The WAEC is pleased to be able to support the Town of Port Hedland with the delivery of its elections.

If you have any queries please contact Phil Richards, Manager Election Events, at [lgelections@waec.wa.gov.au](mailto:lgelections@waec.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D O'Reilly".

Dennis O'Reilly  
**ACTING ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER**

16 June 2025