

## Media Release **No. 464**

**For release 13 September 2012**

### **TSRA ELECTION COMPLETED – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ?**

The elections for new TSRA Board Members were completed on 15 September 2012 with mobile polling teams from the Australian Electoral Commission visiting all communities in the lead up to the polling day and polling booths operating on the day on Thursday Island, Horn Island and at Bamaga on the Northern Peninsula Area.

“We may not have a final result from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) until 5 October, which is the final date for declarations”, Mr John Kris, outgoing Chairperson of the Torres Strait Regional Authority said.

“The AEC needs time to count postal votes and other absentee votes and then resolve any disputes surrounding voter eligibility, before the final results can be announced. While we are hoping for an early result, we will know by 5 October at the latest.”

Once all the new Board Members have been announced they will be contacted by the outgoing Chairperson and invited to attend the TSRA Board induction training which is scheduled for the end of October 2012.

After the induction week, Board Members have time to return to their communities to consider the appointment of the new TSRA Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson. This will be the first order of business at the TSRA Board’s inaugural meeting on 13 November 2012.

“I look forward to writing to all our new and returning Members to congratulate them and welcome them to the TSRA.

**ENDS**

TSRA Media Contact

Ken Orr (07) 4069 0718 or 0448 005 207