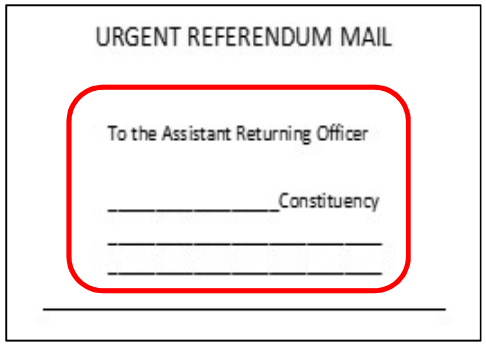
Witnessing the declaration

Your WITNESS must be present while you complete the steps above but should not view or handle the marked ballot paper.

IMPORTANT:
The witness must meet the criteria shown on the postal vote certificate and declaration.

Transmission Envelope

Place the completed postal vote certificate and declaration envelope inside the transmission envelope and seal it.



Returning the postal vote

You or someone acting on your behalf must return the sealed transmission envelope to the BRC regional office or a polling place BEFORE the end of polling. If you are overseas, you will be sent a courier pack for returning your postal vote.

When the PRESIDING OFFICER or ARO receives the transmission envelope, this is placed into the sealed ballot box at the regional office or polling place.

The transmission envelope is not opened.

What happens next

All postal certificates and declarations are checked at the Count Centre before they can be counted.

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POSTAL VOTING
Voter Information

Receiving a postal vote package

Your application for a postal vote has been approved. Follow instructions in this brochure to complete and return your postal vote.

IMPORTANT:

- Your postal vote MUST be received before the end of the polling period.
- If the declaration is not filled in correctly it may not be accepted.
- Both the voter and a witness MUST sign the declaration.

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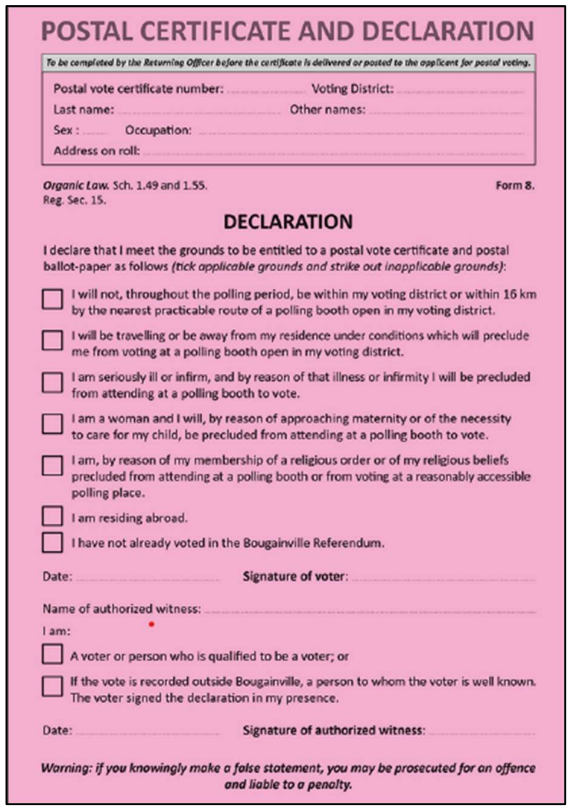
Completing the postal certificate and declaration

Fill in all the details on the PINK postal certificate and declaration.

IMPORTANT:
Make sure you fill in your name, the reason for making a postal vote, and sign the declaration.



POSTAL CERTIFICATE AND DECLARATION

To be completed by the Returning Officer before the certificate is delivered or posted to the applicant for postal voting.

Postal vote certificate number: ..... Voting District: .....
Last name: ..... Other names: .....
Sex : ..... Occupation: .....
Address on roll: .....

Organic Law. Sch. 1.49 and 1.55. Form 8.
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DECLARATION

I declare that I meet the grounds to be entitled to a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper as follows *(tick applicable grounds and strike out inapplicable grounds)*:

- ☐ I will not, throughout the polling period, be within my voting district or within 16 km by the nearest practicable route of a polling booth open in my voting district.
- ☐ I will be travelling or be away from my residence under conditions which will preclude me from voting at a polling booth open in my voting district.
- ☐ I am seriously ill or infirm, and by reason of that illness or infirmity I will be precluded from attending at a polling booth to vote.
- ☐ I am a woman and I will, by reason of approaching maternity or of the necessity to care for my child, be precluded from attending at a polling booth to vote.
- ☐ I am, by reason of my membership of a religious order or of my religious beliefs precluded from attending at a polling booth or from voting at a reasonably accessible polling place.
- ☐ I am residing abroad.
- ☐ I have not already voted in the Bougainville Referendum.

Date: ..... Signature of voter: .....

Name of authorized witness: .....
I am:

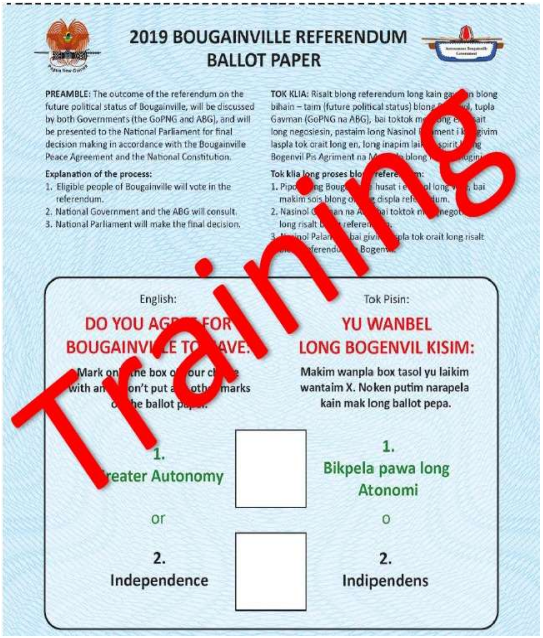
- ☐ A voter or person who is qualified to be a voter; or
- ☐ If the vote is recorded outside Bougainville, a person to whom the voter is well known. The voter signed the declaration in my presence.

Date: ..... Signature of authorized witness: .....

Warning: if you knowingly make a false statement, you may be prosecuted for an offence and liable to a penalty.

Voting

Mark only the box of your choice with an X. Do not put any other mark on the ballot paper.



2019 BOUGAINVILLE REFERENDUM
BALLOT PAPER

PREAMBLE: The outcome of the referendum on the future political status of Bougainville, will be discussed by both Governments (the GoPNG and ABG), and will be presented to the National Parliament for final decision making in accordance with the Bougainville Peace Agreement and the National Constitution.

Explanation of the process:
1. Eligible people of Bougainville will vote in the referendum.
2. National Government and the ABG will consult.
3. National Parliament will make the final decision.

TOK KLIA: Risait blong referendum long kain gavman biong bihain – taim (future political status) blong [illegible], tupla Gavman (GoPNG na ABG), bai toktok [illegible] long negosiesin, pastaim long Nasinol Parliament [illegible] laspla tok orait long en, long inapim lain [illegible] Bogenvil Pis Agriment na [illegible]

Tok klia long groses blo referendum:
1. Pipol [illegible] husat i orait long vot bai makim sois blong [illegible] displa referendum.
2. Nasinol Gavman na ABG bai toktok [illegible] long risait blong referendum.
3. [illegible] bai givim laspla tok orait long risait [illegible] referendum long Bogenvil.

English:
DO YOU AGREE FOR BOUGAINVILLE TO HAVE:
Mark only one box of your choice with an X. Don't put any other marks on the ballot paper.

1. Greater Autonomy
or
2. Independence

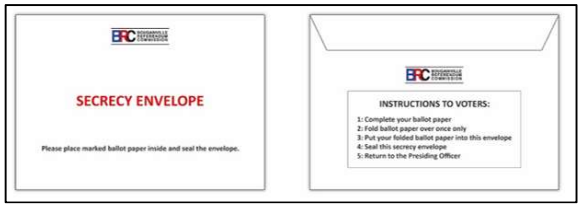
Tok Pisin:
YU WANBEL LONG BOGENVIL KISIM:
Makim wanpla box tasol yu laikim wantaim X. Noken putim narapela kain mak long ballot pepa.

1. Bikpela pawa long Atonomi
o
2. Indipendens

Training

Secrecy Envelope

Fold the ballot paper in half once only and put it into the secrecy envelope.



SECRECY ENVELOPE

Please place marked ballot paper inside and seal the envelope.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:
1: Complete your ballot paper
2: Fold ballot paper over once only
3: Put your folded ballot paper into this envelope
4: Seal this secrecy envelope
5: Return to the Presiding Officer

Postal certification and declaration envelope

Seal the secrecy envelope and put it into the PINK postal certificate and declaration envelope.

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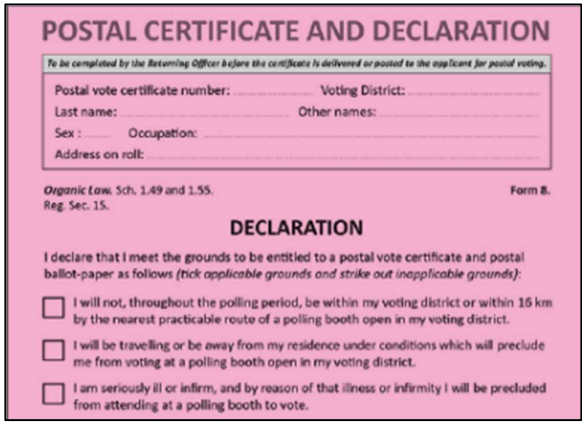

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