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.

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.
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.

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**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 Reg. Sec. 15.

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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 (check applicable grounds and strike out inapplicable grounds)

☐ I will not, throughout the polling period, be within my voting district or within 15 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 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: ___________________________

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.

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**Voting**

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

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**Secrecy Envelope**

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

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

Seal the PINK postal certificate and declaration envelope.

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