

Limited Preferential Voting is the new way to vote in National Elections

You are now required to vote
for your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice.



Sample

BALLOT PAPER - NATIONAL ELECTIONS
Lincoln Valley Open Electorate



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BALLOT PAPER No.

Directions:

● MARK YOUR VOTE ON THIS BALLOT PAPER BY
PLACING FIGURES 1, 2 AND 3 IN ORDER OF
YOUR PREFERENCES IN THE SQUARE ☐
OPPOSITE THE NAMES OF THREE
CANDIDATES FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE.

● DO NOT PUT MORE
THAN THE FIGURES
1, 2 AND 3 ON THIS
BALLOT PAPER.

● DO NOT PUT ANY
OTHER MARK ON
THIS BALLOT
PAPER.

 Gima Purple <input type="text" value="2"/>	 Ezekiel Red <input type="text"/>	 Michael Green <input type="text" value="3"/>
 Terrie Yellow <input type="text"/>	 Stella Pink <input type="text"/>	 Joseph Blue <input type="text" value="1"/>

- Write a number 1 in the box beside the candidate who is your first choice.
- Write a number 2 in the box beside the candidate who is your second choice.
- Write a number 3 in the box beside the candidate who is your third choice.



**ELECTORAL
COMMISSION**
Papua New Guinea

This is how your vote is counted.



Gima Purple

Ezekiel Red

Michael Green

Terrie Yellow

Stella Pink

Joseph Blue

These six people are our candidates. A candidate can only be declared the winner when they have an absolute majority, which means more than half of all the formal votes counted. 1000 votes have been counted in our sample ballot, which means a candidate must get more than 500 votes to win.



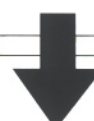
First, all the number ones, or the voters first choice, are distributed and then counted.



If no one has reached an absolute majority the next step is the candidate who got the smallest number of votes is eliminated. The second choices shown on this candidates ballot papers are now counted by distributing them to the respective candidates still in the count.



Once again if no one has reached an absolute majority, the next candidate who has the least number of votes is eliminated, and the 2nd choices are now counted. If there are any votes here from the first candidate to be eliminated, the 3rd choices are now counted.



This distribution of preferences continues until one candidate wins with an absolute majority, which means more than half of all the formal votes counted. Joseph Blue is our winner, with 505 votes, which is more than half the votes counted.

