

## NEWS

# Pre-poll confusion leaves Toowoomba voters frustrated



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SOME Toowoomba voters have been left confused about where to place their pre-poll votes for the 2015 Queensland election.

A number of people have mistakenly visited the Australian Electoral Commission office at the McNab Building on the corner of Neil and Laurel Sts instead of the Electoral Commission Queensland office in Foundry St.

George Helon is one of many who struggled to find the right place to vote.

Accompanied by his elderly and disabled parent, he tried to cast his pre-poll vote on Monday.

"I tried to find the office, but there was no address in the phone book," Mr Helon said.

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"I was told to go to the McNab building, but when I got there I found I was in the wrong place.

"The chap inside told me that he had taken pre-poll enquires from about 30 people - a few of whom were frustrated and quite rightly angry - in their attempts to cast a pre-poll vote.

"I was given a mud map of where to go and found it was in a warehouse shed on Foundry St."

Mr Helon said parking at the site was almost non-existent.

Toowoomba South returning officer Daniel Lucey said he had received no specific complaints from voters.

"Everyone received a letter from ECQ which lists the pre-poll electorate office and all the polling booths," he said.

Mr Lucey said people could also vote from their cars if they had special needs and were unable to enter the office.

For more information, visit [ecq.qld.gov.au](http://ecq.qld.gov.au).

## How to find the Electoral Commission Queensland

- Physical Address: Unit 2, 3 Foundry Street, Toowoomba 4350
- Postal Address: PO Box 11458, Centenary Heights 4350