

VOTE INDEPENDENT GUIDE – BASS

The VOTE INDEPENDENT summary:

- **Vote in the ORANGE columns first for as many Independents as you wish** in your order of preference if you support independents and don't want to support the major parties (see the orange groups on the mock ballot paper below). Then vote for other minor parties (YELLOW columns) or candidates of your choice.
- **Minimum 7 votes.** We recommend you vote all the way through the paper (yellow groups after orange in your order of preference) and then, if you want, major party candidates.

| BASS ELECTORATE | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Mock Ballot Paper Columns Colour Chart | | | | | | | | | | |
| Independents | | | Major parties | | | Minor parties | | | | |
| Tasmanian Greens | Group B | Jacqui Lambie Network | Australian Labor Party | Liberal Party | Animal Justice Party | Group G | Group H | Shooters, Fishers, Farmers TAS | Group J | Ungrouped |
| TG | B | JLN | ALP | LP | AJ | G | H | SFFT | Jack Davenport | UG |
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Mock Ballot Paper Notes – Division of Bass candidates

32 candidates | 7 to be elected | 80,126 electors enrolled

Registered parties and groups are listed under the columns drawn at random by the TEC. Independent and minor party candidates are listed in this “mock ballot paper” only if they have given VoT written, signed permission. Candidate names have otherwise been excluded in accordance with the Electoral Act requirements. **The actual ballot paper will not be coloured;** and candidate names will be rotated in their columns – this is called the Robson Rotation.

The VOTE INDEPENDENT approach

Voices of Tasmania Inc. (VoT) seeks to increase participatory democracy. One way we do this is through a guide such as this. Shown below is what's known as a “mock ballot paper” – it is for educational purposes only and this must not be handed out as a how to vote document.

Notes on Preferential Voting and Numbering Candidates on The Ballot Paper

With 32 candidates in Bass vying for 7 seats, the 2024 House of Assembly election may be very close. For a valid vote, you must number 7 boxes, 1 to 7. But we recommend voting right through the ballot – i.e. all 32 boxes.

Independents and minor parties are predicted to win a significant proportion of the votes. Preferential vote counting is always important in these close contests. By numbering ALL the boxes, or as many as you wish, YOUR VOTE including YOUR PREFERENCES will remain in the preference counting much longer (see the TEC website for an explanation of the vote counting process).

If you don't want to support any of the major party candidates and you prefer independents, first number all the independents in your order of preference, who have expressed values and positions that best align with yours. The vote for any minor parties or candidates you have any affinity with. This keeps your ballot ‘alive’ for preference distributions. But you must vote for at least seven (7) candidates.

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