



“Ask your friends and family if they are **enrolled to vote**”

VOTING

Why voting is important

Your vote is your voice on the laws and decisions that affect you and your community.

By voting in elections, you have the opportunity to choose the person who you think will best represent your views in the Parliament. Voting is also important to many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because Indigenous Australians did not achieve equal voting rights for federal elections until 1962.

When and where do I vote?

Federal election day is always on a Saturday. Voting takes place between 8am and 6pm at polling places around the country. Mobile polling teams also visit many remote areas in Australia in the weeks before election day.

If you can't make it to a polling place on election day, you may be entitled to vote early either in person or by post. Details about how to vote early will be available from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) closer to election day.

What happens if I don't vote?

Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years or older. If you do not vote and don't have a valid and sufficient reason, you may be fined. The AEC will write to you at the address listed on the electoral roll and ask you to provide a reason why you did not vote.

Who am I voting for?

At election time, you will vote for a person to represent your area (known as an electorate) in the House of Representatives. There are 151 members in the House of Representatives. You can find out which electorate you live in on the AEC's website.

You will also vote for senators who will represent your state or territory in the Senate. There are 12 senators for each state, and two senators for each territory.

To enrol to vote, scan the QR code or visit aec.gov.au/enrol

