



## Frequently asked questions

### Am I enrolled to vote?

- Visit [aec.gov.au](https://aec.gov.au) to enrol to vote or to check your details are up to date.
- Add your email address and mobile phone number to receive timely information by email and SMS; this will also help you not miss the next election in your area.

### What if I recently changed address?

- You will need to update your details on the electoral roll at [aec.gov.au](https://aec.gov.au) to ensure you are voting in the correct council area.

### Is voting compulsory?

- Voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens aged 18 years or older.
- If you do not vote, you may receive a fine.

### What is local government?

- Local government is also known as your local council. This could be a city, town, shire or region.
- Local government is responsible for managing public property and a range of local services and activities funded by rates, services fees and grants from state and federal governments.
- Council services could include cultural and sporting facilities, town planning, local roads, waste management, land care programs, pet registration and more.

### Why do I need to vote in the local government by-election?

- Your mayor and councillors represent you in your community.
- Voting in the by-election means you're having a say about the decision-makers who will shape the local community where you live.

### Why is voting important?

- Governments make decisions about services, laws and protections that impact on every part of life.
- By voting, you are part of this decision-making and making a choice about your community.
- If you don't vote, you are relying on someone else to choose your representative for you.
- One of the best ways to make sure you are involved in decisions about your community is to vote.

### How do I vote?

- You can find information on how to vote from the Electoral Commission of Queensland website at [ecq.qld.gov.au/centralhighlands](https://ecq.qld.gov.au/centralhighlands).

### How will I know who is my new Councillor?

- The Electoral Commission of Queensland will publish the declared Councillor on its website and also post about it on social media—[Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

