

Polling and Voter Services Notice

2026 STAFFORD STATE BY-ELECTION

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026

The Stafford State by-election will be held on Saturday, 16 May 2026. **Voting is compulsory.**

In-person voting services

In accordance with sections 98 and 99A of the *Electoral Act 1992*, the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) notifies and declares that election day polling booths and early voting centres will be available over the period specified below.

Early voting

- Early voting centres open Tuesday, 5 May to Friday, 15 May 2026 (excluding weekends).
- Voters may cast ordinary or declaration votes for the by-election at an early voting centre.

Election day voting

- Polling booths open from 8am to 6pm on election day, Saturday 16 March 2026.
- Voters may cast ordinary or declaration votes at a polling booth on election day.

A list of polling place locations and their hours of operation are available for both early and election day voting on the ECQ website or by phoning 1300 881 665.

Other voting services

Postal voting applications close 7pm on Monday, 4 May 2026

- Applications are available on the ECQ website or by calling 1300 881 665.

Telephone voting is open between Tuesday, 5 May and Saturday, 16 May 2026

- Telephone voting will be available for eligible voters. To check your eligibility and learn more about registering for this service, see the ECQ website or phone 1300 881 665.

Declared institution voting between Tuesday, 5 May and Saturday, 16 May 2026

- Mobile polling is available for eligible voters within registered institutions (such as aged care facilities). Information will be published on the ECQ website or phone 1300 881 665.

This notice is issued under sections 98, 99 99A, 119 and 121A of the *Electoral Act 1992*, on 28 April 2026.

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