

Stakeholder engagement kit

Hinchinbrook State by-election

29 November 2025

Help us spread the word about the upcoming by-election for the State electorate of Hinchinbrook

Dear community stakeholder

A by-election to elect a new Member of Parliament for the State electorate of Hinchinbrook will be held on Saturday 29 November.

While voting is compulsory for all 39,000 people enrolled in Hinchinbrook, it's also a right and responsibility in our democracy, and we want to ensure voting is quick and easy for everyone.

This stakeholder kit is aimed at helping ensure enrolled electors in your community know how to participate in this election. We'd love your assistance in helping us to get some important messages out to the community.

In this kit you'll find the below information and resources:

- information to include in your regular communications and newsletters and on your website
- social media tiles to share on your organisation's social media channels
- posters to print and display on your community noticeboard.

Key dates

- 17-28 November: Early voting on weekdays
- 17 November: Postal vote applications close at 7pm
- 29 November: Election Day – voting from 8am to 6pm
- 9 December: Last day for the return of postal votes to the ECQ

Early voting locations

You can vote on weekdays from Monday 17 November to Friday 28 November from 8am–6pm at the following locations:

- TYTO Conference and Events Centre, 73-75 McIlwraith Street, Ingham
- Notch Community Room, Deeragun Shopping Village, Rangeview Street, Deeragun

We will mail all Hinchinbrook voters a **Voter Information Card** (below). If you bring it when you come to vote, our staff can scan the barcode on the front to help you get in and out of the booth more quickly.



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If undelivered please return to:
GPO BOX 1393 BRISBANE QLD 4001

2025 Hinchinbrook State by-election
Saturday 29 November

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It's time to vote! Bring this card with you.



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PO BOX 12345
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For more information:

-  ecq.qld.gov.au
-  1300 881 665
-  @ECQInfo
-  @electoralcommissionqld
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Remember, voting is
COMPULSORY

Newsletter copy

Get ready to vote in the Hinchinbrook State by-election

A by-election is happening to elect a new Member of Parliament for Hinchinbrook.

Unlike the recent Townsville Mayoral by-election, this election will have early voting centres and polling places to attend. You can vote early on weekdays from 17 November until 28 November or on election day, 29 November. If you'd rather vote by mail, you can request a postal ballot at the ECQ website: ecq.qld.gov.au/Hinchinbrook.

Before voting opens, you will receive a Voter Information Card in the mail for by-election. This is a big maroon card you may recall having received before previous state and local elections. You may also receive this via email if you have included your email address on the electoral roll.

The ECQ will also send you an SMS to remind you to vote. You will receive this alert if you have added your mobile number to the electoral roll.

For State by-elections, you have to make sure to number every box on your ballot paper. Be sure to read the instructions on your ballot paper before voting.

Can't vote in person or you'll be away?

- You can apply for a postal vote via the ECQ website – but you'll need to apply by 7pm on 17 November.
- You can also check if you are eligible to register for a [telephone vote](#). You can find information about this service on our website.
- If you need assistance with applying for these services, you can call the ECQ on 1300 881 665.

Need assistance voting?

- If you speak a language other than English, you can ask for assistance when you arrive to vote. Every polling booth will have a copy of our [Multilingual Guide to Voting](#) which is translated into 25 languages.
- If you have a disability or mobility issues, the ECQ provides a range of accessible measures, including [telephone voting](#) for eligible electors.

Visit the ecq.qld.gov.au/hinchinbrook to learn more about the by-election, including who is running and to stay up-to-date with the results after the polls close.

Social media tile

Show your organisation's support of the by-election by:

- Sharing a post from our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts
- Create your own post with our suggested post text below and social media tile, which can be downloaded from our [Hinchinbrook by-election page](#).

Social media text	Social media tile
If you live in the State electorate of Hinchinbrook, you need to vote in the by-election to choose a new Member of Parliament. Not sure if you live in Hinchinbrook? Check your electorate at ecq.qld.gov.au/WhereIsMyElectorate Early voting is open on weekdays from Monday 17 November until Friday 28 November. You can also vote on election day, Saturday 29 November. Visit the ECQ at ecq.qld.gov.au/Hinchinbrook for more information or to find a polling place near you.	

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2025 Hinchinbrook State by-election



ELECTION INFORMATION

A by-election is being held in the Hinchinbrook State electorate to elect a new Member of Parliament on **Saturday, 29 November 2025**.

Vote early

Early voting is on weekdays from 8am to 6pm from Monday 17 November to Friday 28 November.

Find an early voting centre at ecq.qld.gov.au/earlyvoting

Vote on election day

20 polling booths will be open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday 29 November.

Find the closest polling booth at ecq.qld.gov.au/electiondayvoting

Looking for more information?

Visit us at ecq.qld.gov.au/hinchinbrook



*Scan to check if you need
to vote in this by-election*

**VOTING IS
COMPULSORY**

For more information, visit ecq.qld.gov.au or call 1300 881 665.

Show your organisation's support for the by-election by:

- Displaying our poster at your work to inform with your customers (e.g. reception area, front window, or public notice board)
- Pinning our poster to a staff notice board

You can download our A4 and A3 posters from the [ECQ website](https://ecq.qld.gov.au).

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

Are you enrolled to vote?

Visit aec.gov.au to enrol to vote or to check your details are up-to-date. Adding your email address and mobile phone number means you'll also receive timely information by email and SMS so you don't miss the next election in your area.

Have you changed address?

If you've changed address since the last election, you'll need to update your details on the electoral roll to ensure you are voting in the correct council area. Update your details at aec.gov.au.

I just voted in a by-election? Why is there another one?

About 28,000 voters in the Hinchinbrook electorate also had to vote in the Townsville City Council mayoral by-election on Saturday 15 November. That by-election was a full postal election which means every voter was mailed a ballot pack.

The Hinchinbrook by-election is due to the resignation of the former Member for Hinchinbrook, Nick Dametto.

Why do I need to vote in this by-election?

Voting for your Member of Parliament helps determine the future of Queensland. The Queensland government is responsible for education, health, the environment, transport, sport and recreation, public works, police services and more.

Every time you go to a hospital or visit a public school, your State government is at work. Don't miss out on having a say on how it works for you.

Why is voting important?

Governments make decisions about services, laws and protections that impact on every part of our lives. By voting, you are part of this decision-making and making a choice about how Queensland is run.

If you don't vote, you are relying on someone else to choose your representative for you. The best way to make sure you are involved in decisions about your community is to vote.

What is a Voter Information Card?

A Voter Information Card is sent to your enrolled address before an election in Queensland. An email version is also sent to you if you have added your email address to the electoral roll.

Your card is personalised for you and includes your electorate and a barcode that election staff can scan at a polling place to help you get in and out quicker.

Is there help for people with accessibility needs?

Check the [Find My Polling Booth webpage](#) for the accessibility access at polling places in your local area. If you have mobility issues you can also vote from your car. Call the phone number of the supervisor, which can be found on a sign out the front of the voting centre, and an election official will come out to your car to help.

I need help filling out my ballot paper.

If you need help when voting, another person can assist you in the polling place. This person may act as an interpreter, read, and explain the ballot paper instructions, complete the ballot paper according to your instructions and place the ballot paper in the ballot box. You may bring a friend or relative to assist you or ask an election official to help.

Is there help for people who do not speak English or have limited English?

Every polling place in Queensland will have voting information in 25 languages. Ask a staff member for the [Multilingual Guide](#) when you arrive to vote. If the language you need is not available in the Guide, a telephone translation and interpreting service is available through Language Loop. Election staff can assist you with these contact details.

I heard something about the election that doesn't sound right.

The ECQ is Queensland's team of electoral experts, so if you hear or see something you're not sure about, visiting our [Election Facts webpage](#) will help ensure you have the facts about elections.

Stop and consider the information is reputable, current or a scam before sharing information about the electoral process online.

How will I know who the new Member for Hinchinbrook is?

The Electoral Commission of Queensland will publish the declared candidate on its website at ecq.qld.gov.au/hinchinbrook. We'll also post about it on social media—[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#).