

Engagement kit for First Nations organisations

2024 State general election



Dear supporter

Queenslanders will head to the polls on 26 October 2024 to **vote on what counts** – and have a say about things that matter to them.

Around 3.7 million Queenslanders will be eligible to vote in the election and will choose the members of Parliament who will represent them for the next four years.

While voting is compulsory, it's also a right and responsibility in our democracy, and this engagement kit is aimed at making it easy for people in your community to vote in the election.

Can you help us?

We'd appreciate your support in sharing the [resources](#) in this kit with your networks.

In this kit, you'll find:

- a sample article for community newsletters
- social media posts to share on your accounts
- links to videos to share
- posters for your community notice boards
- frequently asked questions.

Over the next month you'll also see our **Vote on what counts to you** advertising campaign which will run across a broad range of traditional and digital channels, including on NITV and Aboriginal Health Television screens and across Queensland's First Nations community radio network.

Please like and follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with the latest information about the 2024 State election.

Sharing our messages with your networks is another great way you can assist us and help ensure people have the information they need to participate.

If you have any enquiries, please email us at communication@ecq.qld.gov.au. You can also contact ECQ's First Nations Engagement Officer Quentin Barba on 0436 396 222.

Thank you for your support

ECQ Communication
Electoral Commission of Queensland

Sample article

Whichway?

Get ready to vote on 26 October 2024

It will be time to vote soon in the 2024 State election for your community. When you vote at the election, you'll be voting for the people who will be making decisions for you and your community in the Queensland Parliament.

Make sure your voice will be heard – be ready to vote on 26 October 2024.

Remember, voting is compulsory.

Vote anywhere in Queensland

You don't need to vote in your local area. You can vote at any early voting centre or election day polling place in Queensland.

If you would prefer to be mailed voting materials, you can request a postal vote until Monday 14 October on the [ECQ website](#).

Enrolling to vote

Are your enrolment details up to date? If you're not on the electoral roll, you can't have your say. Visit [aec.gov.au](#) to enrol to vote or update your details.

Make voting quicker

All Queensland voters will receive a Voter Information Card in the mail before the elections. That's the big maroon card that you might have received previously before an election.

Bring this card with you when you go to vote to get in and out of the polling booth quicker.

More information

The ECQ website is the best place to find information. Visit us to learn about ways to vote, how voting systems and counting works, voting times and places and more at the [ecq.qld.gov.au](#).

Voter Information Card

Look for this card in the mail and bring it with you when you vote!

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

2024 State General Election
Saturday 26 October

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



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JANE CITIZEN
123 SAMPLE STREET
SAMPLE QLD 4000
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For more information:
 ecq.qld.gov.au
 1300 881 665
 @ECQInfo
 @electoralcommissionqld
 @electoralcommissionqld



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Remember, voting is
COMPULSORY


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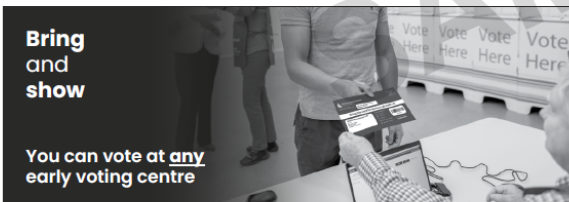
 Your state electorate is
Sample electorate
Your information is current as of 30 September 2024.


Early voting hours are now longer!
Early voting is 8am–6pm from
Monday 14 to Friday 25 October 2024.
Scan the QR code to find an early voting
centre or visit ecq.qld.gov.au/earlyvoting




Election day voting is 8am–6pm on
Saturday 26 October 2024.
Scan the QR code to find a polling booth
or visit ecq.qld.gov.au/electiondayvoting



Bring and show

You can vote at **any**
early voting centre

Scan and vote

You can vote at **any** polling booth

Contact us for other voting options. See front for contact details. 

Help us spread the word

You can share these [resources](#) with your network or community.

Videos


You can download videos to embed in newsletters or staff emails. We have several videos available on our [YouTube channel](#), and we like these 3 informational videos located on our [Resources page](#).



- 1. Ways to vote
- 2. Requesting a postal vote
- 3. How votes are counted

We also have an **Election Facts. STOP and CONSIDER** [animation](#) that can be downloaded and embedded into newsletters or emails.

Social media tiles

**Downloadable social media tiles can be found on our [Resources page](#).*

Social media post	Social media tile*
<p>Queensland’s State election is on Saturday 26 October.</p> <p>It’s up to you to vote on what counts.</p> <p>Learn more about the election and where you can vote at the ECQ website.</p>	

Social media post	Social media tile*
<p>Before you share information online – Stop and Consider.</p> <p>? Does it come from a reputable source?</p> <p>? Is it current?</p> <p>? Could it be a scam?</p> <p>If you see or hear something you're not sure about, visit our website to ensure you have the facts about the election.</p> <p>Visit ecq.qld.gov.au/electionfacts to learn more.</p>	
<p>It's time to make your voice heard and your vote count. Queensland's State election is Saturday 26 October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ You can vote at any polling booth within Queensland. ✓ There is only one ballot paper, and you need to number every box. ✓ Look out for this big maroon card in the post. Bring it with you when you vote to help get in and out of the polling place quickly. <p>Learn more about the election and your voting options at the ECQ website.</p>	

Posters

[Download](#) a copy for your community noticeboards. A4 and A3 sizes are available.



Vote AND MAKE IT COUNT



**State Election
26 October**

Check out early voting options

Vote ON WHAT COUNTS TO YOU



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Vote WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT



**State Election
26 October**

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STOP AND CONSIDER

BEFORE YOU SHARE ONLINE

If you see where you don't live...
 Polling stations are closed off!
 If you see a message that says...
 You can vote more than once!
 Pencils are used so votes can be changed!
 Election results will be...
 with the country!

With the State Election coming up on **26 October**, you're likely to see and hear a lot of things—especially on social media. The ECQ is the expert authority that Queenslanders can trust.

Stop and consider whether the information is factual before you share it.

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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. It will be compulsory for all enrolled Queenslanders to vote for the Member of Parliament they want to represent them for the next four years.

Are you enrolled to vote?

Visit aec.gov.au to enrol to vote or to check your details are up-to-date.

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 electorate. Update your details at aec.gov.au.

Why do I need to vote in a State general 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.

How can I vote in the State election?

Every Queenslanders can choose the most convenient way for them to vote.

- **Vote on election day, 26 October 2024** – you can vote at any polling place in Queensland. The [Find My Polling Booth tool](#) on the ECQ website will help you find the best polling place for you. Bring your maroon Voter Information Card with you for quicker voting. You can vote from 8am to 6pm on election day.
- **Vote early from 14 October 2024** – you can vote before election day at an early voting centre anywhere in Queensland. Bring your maroon Voter Information Card with you for quicker voting. Early voting centres are open from 8am–6pm Monday-Friday from 14–25 October 2024. Visit the [ECQ website](#) to find an early voting centre.

- **Vote by post** – anyone can request a postal vote. The most direct way to apply is via the [ECQ website](#) before requests close at 7pm on Monday 14 October 2024. When you receive your voting materials, you can complete your vote straight away but remember to read the instructions carefully to ensure your vote can be included in the count. Return your postal vote as soon as you can. The ECQ must receive it by 5pm on Tuesday 5 November 2024. Visit the ECQ website to watch a short [video about postal voting](#).
- **Voting by telephone** – telephone voting is available for eligible electors who cannot attend a polling place because they are away or cannot vote without assistance. Check the [ECQ's fact sheet](#) to see if you are eligible before registering. Registration for eligible people is from 9am on Monday 14 October until noon on Saturday 26 October 2024. You can vote from 14 October until 6pm on election day, 26 October 2024.

How do I know which electorate I am enrolled in?

Your electorate is on your Voter Information Card or you can find it on the [ECQ website](#). During a State general election, you can vote at any polling place in Queensland.

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 need voting information written more simply.

The ECQ has developed an Easy read guide to voting in a State election. The information in this guide is written in an easier to read way. Pictures are also used to explain concepts. The Guide is available as an [accessible PDF](#) or as a webpage in [accessible HTML](#).

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

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