



**Electoral
Commission**
QUEENSLAND

INFORMATION FOR MEDIA

Attending a polling place

Media representatives

can attend polling places

during voting hours.

When you arrive, please introduce yourself to the Returning Officer or Supervisor.

To attend after 6pm (to film the start of the count/ emptying of the ballot box on election day), please obtain permission from the ECQ. When you arrive, let the RO or Supervisor know you have obtained permission to attend and they will confirm these arrangements.

Taking photos or capturing footage

To take photos or capture footage inside a polling place, please obtain permission from the ECQ. The RO or Supervisor will confirm the arrangements and then direct you to an area which does not impede electors or staff.

A few things to note:

- Respect the wishes of any staff or electors who refuse to be photographed or filmed.
- Respect the secrecy of the ballot. This means not filming, photographing or in any way recording the information that has been written on an individual ballot paper, a person's Voter Information Card or personal details that may be visible on an ePollbook screen.
- Refrain from speaking to an elector while they are completing their ballot paper or asking how an elector voted while they are still inside the polling place.
- Refrain from touching any ballot papers or ballot boxes.
- Refrain from 'recreating' any scenes for better effect or moving items within or outside the polling place.
- While inside the polling place, it's critical that you do not impede, inconvenience or disrespect the rights of electors, scrutineers or staff during voting or counting.

Obtaining permission from the ECQ

Permission must be obtained in advance by contacting the ECQ media team via email media@ecq.qld.gov.au or 0438 120 699.

Do you have a question or enquiry?

Our election staff are unable to answer any questions or enquiries.

Please direct **all** media enquiries to ECQ's Media team based at the Brisbane head office.

Email: media@ecq.qld.gov.au

Mobile: 0438 120 699