





2026 Local Government Extraordinary Election

POSTAL Election Timeline: Saturday 28 March

| Days to Election Day | Date | Election Event |
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| 80 | Wed 7 January |  Last day for Declaration to conduct a postal Election (Local Government to appoint the Electoral Commissioner) - cannot be rescinded less than 80 days prior to Election Day |
| 77 | Sat 10 January | Earliest date to commence giving statewide Public Notice of the time and date of close of enrolments (by Electoral Commissioner) |
| 63 | Sat 24 January | Last day for Local Government CEO to advise the Electoral Commissioner to prepare a Residents Roll Latest date to commence statewide Public Notice of a close of enrolments Earliest date to commence statewide Public Notice of a call for nominations |
| 57 | Fri 30 January |  Electoral Rolls close (5pm) |
| 52 | Wed 4 February | Latest date to commence statewide Public Notice of a call for nominations |
| 51 | Thurs 5 February | Nominations open |
| 44 | Thurs 12 February | Close of nominations (4pm) |
| 43 | Fri 13 February | Last day for electoral rolls to be prepared and certified - Owners and Occupiers Roll by Local Government CEO - Residents Roll by Electoral Commissioner |
| 25 | Mon 2 March | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| 26 | Tues 3 March | Last day to give statewide Public Notice of the Election |
| 19 | Mon 9 March | Commencement of processing of returned election packages |
| 0 | Sat 28 March |  Election Day (returned postal votes to be received by Return Officer no later than 6pm) |
| | As soon as practicable after election day |  Declaration and Notice of Election Result |
| | 14 days after the declaration of the result of the election | Report to Minister (by Electoral Commissioner) - submitted within 14 days following the Returning Officer's declaration of the election result |
| | 28 days after the notice of the result of the election | Court of Disputed Returns - Invalidation Complaint - can only be made within 28 days after local public notice of the election has been issued. |