



South Australia's First Nations Voice to Parliament Election

Saturday, 16 March 2024



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First Nations
Voice Election

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This toolkit is to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. In it, you'll find information to share with your networks about the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election being held on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

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Introduction

South Australia is having an election to elect representatives for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

This toolkit is to support South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In it, you'll find factual information to share with your networks about the upcoming South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election.

This toolkit is designed to:

- Provide information on the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election.
- Explain the difference between the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election, the Federal Voice referendum and the Federal Voice to Parliament
- Provide information on how to enrol to vote in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election
- Provide information on how to enrol to nominate as a candidate in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election
- Provide information on how, when and where to vote in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election
- How to share information

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community networks and organisations are key to sharing this important information so people are aware of the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election.

You can help make sure people receive the information they need to help them participate.

What is the First Nations Voice to South Australian Parliament?

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament or SA First Nations Voice, is a state-level initiative led by the South Australian Government to provide a connected, direct and independent line of communication for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in South Australia to the South Australian Parliament and the Government.

The SA First Nations Voice will be made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, elected by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of South Australia. They will represent their communities and provide advice on laws, policies, and programs through direct communication with key decision-makers.

The SA First Nations Voice will enable more informed and inclusive decision-making about the issues that matter most to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities.



Actions you can take to help inform people



You can help people be informed about the facts of the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election.



Share the facts about the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election from this kit with your communities. Use the channels and methods you know will reach them best.



Download and share the written, audio and visual materials from this kit with your networks.



Print materials so people can take them away to read in their own time.



Use the materials to guide a conversation with your community about the facts.



Encourage people to be ready to enrol, nominate and vote in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election.



What is the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election?

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is the process for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in South Australia to elect their representatives to the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

To form the Six Local First Nations Voice bodies, The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) will be holding an election on Saturday, 16 March 2024, which will allow South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to elect the members of each Local First Nations Voice.

Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia can vote (and nominate as a candidate) in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election.

The election will be held on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

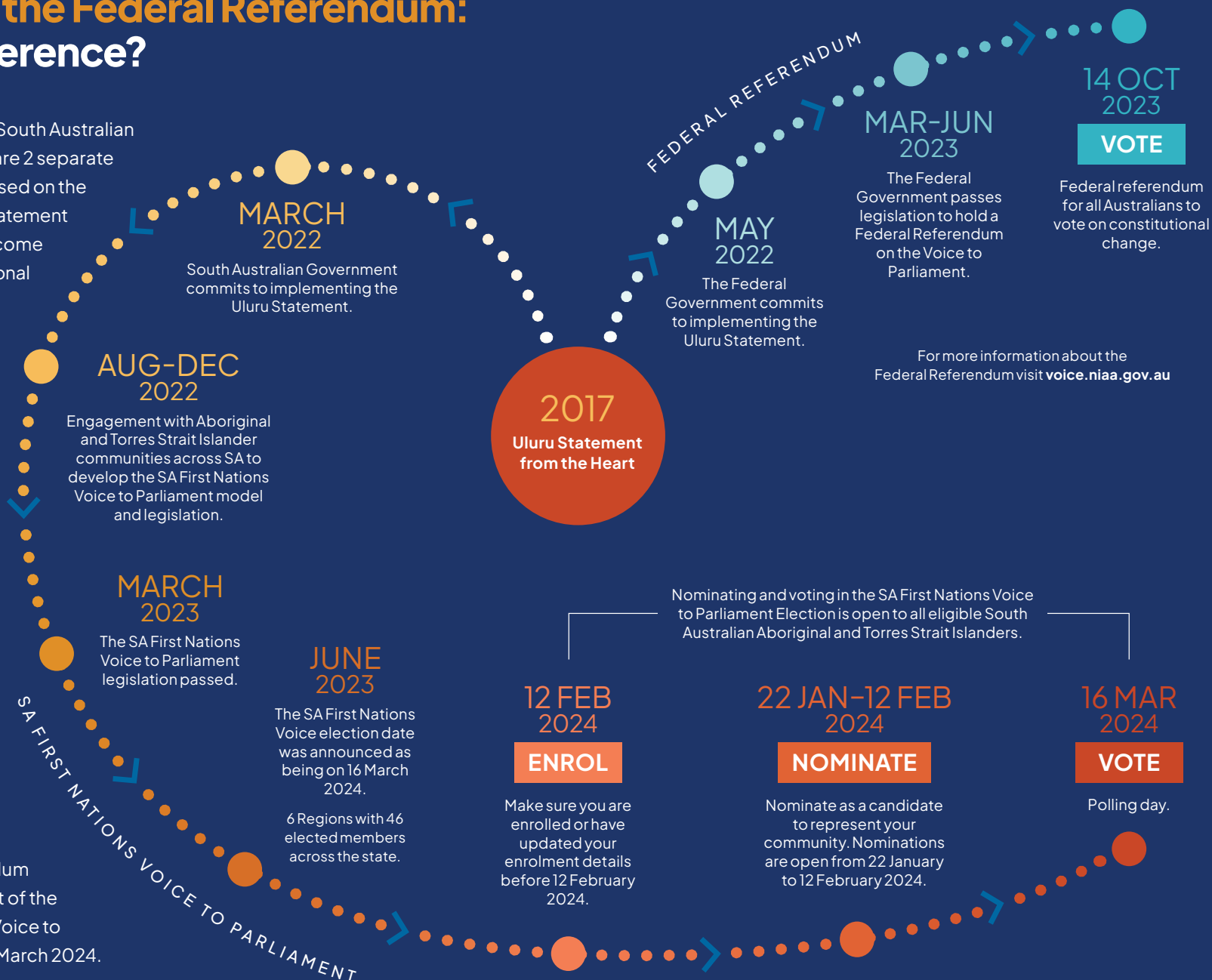
The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the Federal Referendum: What is the difference?

The Federal Referendum and the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament are 2 separate but related initiatives. Both are based on the recommendations of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which was the outcome of a national Indigenous constitutional convention held in 2017.

The 2 initiatives share a common goal of promoting greater Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation and self-determination in decision-making and the development of laws, policies, and programs.

The key difference is the federal referendum sought to establish a voice to the Federal Parliament through making a change to the Australian Constitution. The South Australian Government has legislated a Voice to speak to the State Parliament.

The result of the Federal Referendum does not affect the establishment of the SA Voice to Parliament or the SA Voice to Parliament Election being held in March 2024.



The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the Federal Voice Referendum: Key differences

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament

The South Australian First Nations Voice will be made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are elected by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of South Australia.

These community representatives will provide advice on laws, policies and programs through direct communication with key decision-makers, enabling more informed and inclusive decision-making about the issues that matter most to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and their communities.

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election

The SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is the process for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in South Australia to elect these representatives.

■ Voting in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election

This is the election to choose the people to represent South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders on the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

This election will be held on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

Eligible South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will vote to choose their representatives in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament. Only eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia can vote (and nominate as a candidate) in the election.

The ballot paper will have the photos and names of candidates running for election, and voters have to number their preferred candidates in order of preference.

Voting in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is not compulsory.



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The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the Federal Voice Referendum: Key differences

The Federal Voice Referendum

The Federal Referendum was held on 14 October 2023.

This is where you voted Yes or No.

The majority of the Australian population voted not to enshrine a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution.

The result of the Federal Referendum does not affect the establishment of the SA Voice to Parliament or the SA Voice to Parliament Election being held in March 2024.

■ What was the Federal Referendum?

The Federal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament Referendum referred to the proposal to enshrine an advisory body (Voice) to the Federal Parliament into the Australian Constitution.

A national referendum was held because all Australians must have their say on any changes to the Australian Constitution.

On referendum day, you voted 'yes' or 'no' to the following question:

"A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?"

Voting in the Federal Referendum was compulsory for all Australians over 18 years of age.

For more information on the Federal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, visit voice.niaa.gov.au.

■ Voting in The Federal Voice Referendum

The Federal Voice Referendum was held on 14 October.

This is where you voted Yes or No on the proposed alteration to the Australian Constitution.

On 14 October, the majority of the Australian population voted not to enshrine a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution.

Voting in the referendum was compulsory for all Australians over 18.

How does The First Nations Voice to South Australian Parliament work?

South Australia's First Nations Voice will have 2 levels, a Local First Nations Voice and a State First Nations Voice. They will work together but will have different roles and responsibilities.

1 Local First Nations Voice

There are 6 regions across South Australia, with an elected body for each of the 6 regions.

Of the 6 regions:

- 5 will have 7 elected members.
- 1 (the Central Local First Nations Voice region) will have 11 elected members, as it has a higher population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- There will be a balanced number of men and women

The election for the Local First Nations Voice representatives will be held on 16 March 2024.

All elected members will be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They will be elected by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the region.

Roles and responsibilities

The Local First Nations Voice bodies will:

- talk to and listen to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about issues that matter to them
- engage with government or other organisations in the local area, including local councils
- share their community's views with the State First Nations Voice.

Each Local First Nations Voice will choose 2 joint presiding members

These joint presiding members will chair the local voice meetings and act as their regions representatives on the State First Nations Voice.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR 6 LOCAL VOICES ELECTED



Role of the Local Voice:



Engage with the community on local issues



Engage with government and organisations at a local level



Share their community's views with the State Voice

How does The First Nations Voice to South Australian Parliament work?

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1 Local First Nations Voice *continued*

What are the regions?

Regional boundaries have been determined following engagement with community and advice from community leaders and experts.



Region 1
Central



Region 2
Far North



Region 3
Flinders and Upper North



Region 4
Riverland and South East



Region 5
West and West Coast



Region 6
Yorke and Mid-North



How does The First Nations Voice to South Australian Parliament work?

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2 State First Nations Voice

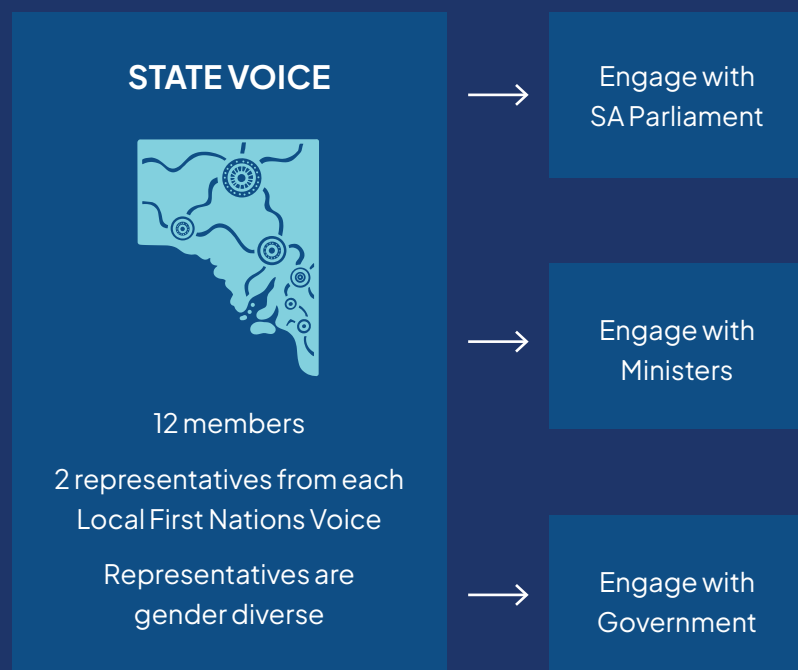
The State First Nations Voice will have 12 members. It will be made up of the 2 joint presiding members from each of the 6 Local First Nations Voices.

The State First Nations Voice will choose 2 of their members of different genders to become the joint presiding members. These 2 joint presiding members will lead the State First Nations Voice by engaging directly with Parliament on behalf of the State First Nations Voice.

Roles and responsibilities

The State First Nations Voice will:

- hear the views of each Local First Nations Voice
- form state-wide views and positions that represent the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in South Australia
- present those views to the South Australian Parliament, ministers, and government chief executives





Conversation guide

How do you talk to people about the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election?

- The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election and the Federal Voice Referendum are different.
- People will be talking about the Federal Voice Referendum and the No result, when the majority of the Australian population voted not to enshrine a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution.
- The Federal Referendum is different to the **South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament** and the No vote at the referendum doesn't affect the setup or the election being held to elect The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament which is already legislated.
- They may not know what the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament is and that an election is being held on **Saturday, 16 March 2024**.
- In the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election, you will be asked to vote for **candidates** to represent you.
- In the Federal Voice Referendum, you were be asked to vote Yes or No to changing the Australian Constitution.
- Voting in the Federal Voice Referendum was compulsory, and all Australians over 18 had to vote.
- Voting in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is not compulsory, and only eligible South Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders can vote.
- To vote or nominate as a candidate in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament, you have to be enrolled to vote.
- Ask people what they know about the Federal Voice Referendum and the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.
- Give the toolkit materials to people and yarn about them.
- Discuss the facts through some key questions.

Quick facts

What is the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election?

This is the election to choose the people to represent South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders on the South Australian Voice.

The result of the Federal Referendum does not affect the establishment of the SA Voice to Parliament or the SA Voice to Parliament Election being held in March 2024.

This election will be held on **Saturday, 16 March 2024**.

South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will vote to choose their representatives for their Local First Nations Voice.

Only eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia can vote (and nominate as a candidate) in the Election.

The ballot paper will have the names of candidates running for Election, and voters have to number their preferred candidates in order of choice.

Voting in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is not compulsory.

The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) will be running the election.

Enrolment

Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to nominate to be a candidate and to vote.

To vote or to run as a candidate in the South Australian Voice to Parliament Election, you must be on the electoral roll.

You are already on the electoral roll if you vote in South Australian State or Federal elections.

If you are on the electoral roll, please check your enrolment details at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au or by calling **1300 655 232**.

If you are not on the electoral roll, you must enrol before **5:00pm, 12 February 2024** to vote in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election.

To enrol go to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Nominations

Nominating means putting your hand up to run as a candidate in the South Australian Voice to Parliament Election.

Any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander can nominate to run as a candidate for their Local First Nations Voice as long as they meet the relevant criteria.

More information on the eligibility criteria to nominate can be found at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in their Local First Nations Voice region will vote to elect their representatives from the candidates who have nominated for that Local Voice Region.

Nominations open on **22 January 2024 and close at 5:00pm, 12 February 2024**.

Nominating to run as a candidate is easy. You can download a nomination pack now at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au or call **1300 655 232** to have a nomination pack sent to you.

Alternatively, from 22 January 2024 you can complete and submit your nomination electronically through the SA Voice Election nomination portal at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

More information about nominating as a candidate for your Local First Nations Voice can be found at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au or by calling **1300 655 232**.

Quick facts

Voting

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election will be held on **Saturday, 16 March, 2024.**

Eligible voters can attend a polling booth on election day just as you would at a state or federal election.

There will be polling booths across the state where eligible electors can vote in person. Locations will be advertised closer to polling day.

If you are unable to attend a polling booth on polling day, there are other options to make sure you can cast your vote.

- 1 Early Voting – Wednesday 6 March 2024 to Friday 15 March 2024** Early Voting Centres will be set up across the state during the two weeks before polling day. Eligible electors who cannot attend a polling booth on 16 March 2024 may cast their vote at an Early Voting Centre.

Locations will be advised closer to the day at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

- 2 Postal Voting** – If you are unable to attend a polling booth or Early Voting Centre, Postal Vote applications will be available from 29 January 2024.

If you live outside of Adelaide you can :

- pick up a Postal Vote Application from your local post office
- download one at:
savoicerelection.sa.gov.au
- have one sent to you by calling **1300 655 232**

If you live in the Adelaide Metro Area you can:

- download one at:
savoicerelection.sa.gov.au
- have one sent to you by calling **1300 655 232**

Complete the application and return it to ECSA to receive your Postal Voting Pack. Postal Voting Packs containing your ballot papers will be sent out via post the week of **Monday, 4 March 2024.**

- 3 Mobile Polling** – Mobile polling will be conducted in regional and remote locations across South Australia between Monday, 4 March 2024 to Friday, 15 March 2024.

Mobile polling locations and times will be advised closer to the election date at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Election results

The counting of votes for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament will begin Monday, 25 March 2024, one week after election day, to ensure that all postal votes arrive to be included in the count. Results may not be known for several days after the count starts.

Once the election is declared, successful candidates will be contacted by the South Australian First Nations Voice Secretariat and the First Nations Voice for each region will be formed.

What happens next?

After the election, Each Local First Nations Voice will meet to elect 2 representatives as their joint presiding members.

These presiding members will represent their region on the State First Nations Voice.

The next South Australian First Nations Voice Parliament Election will be held to coincide with the 2026 South Australian State Election, and the elected term will be four years from this Election.

For more information on the next South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the 2024 election, head to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Quick facts

Key dates

Nominations open:

22 January 2024

Roll close:

5pm, 12 February 2024

Postal vote applications open:

29 January 2024

Nominations close:

12 February 2024

Nominations announced:

26 February 2024

Postal votes arrive:

From 4 March 2024

Early voting period:

6–15 March 2024

Polling day:

Saturday, 16 March 2024

Election count begins:

25 March 2024

Final declaration:

From 25 March 2024



Resources

These resources are to help share the facts about the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election on 16 March 2024.

Key messages

The South Australian Voice to Parliament Election

- The South Australian Government is holding elections on 16 March 2024 to elect representatives for the First Nations Voice to the South Australian Parliament.
- This is a different event from the Federal Voice Referendum.
- Eligible South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will vote to choose their representatives in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament.
- Voting means voting for South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates who have put their hands up to be local representatives.
- Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders on the South Australian electoral roll can vote in the First Nations Voice to the South Australian Parliament.
- To vote or nominate as a candidate, make sure you are on the SA electoral roll.
- If you vote in SA state and federal elections, you are already on the electoral roll; just ensure that your details are current.
- If you are not on the electoral roll you can put your name on the roll at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.
- Voting in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is not compulsory.
- The ballot paper will have the names and photos of candidates running for Election, and voters have to number their preferred candidates in order of preference.

Federal Voice Referendum

- On 14 October, the majority of the Australian population voted not to enshrine a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution.
- The Federal Referendum is different to the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament and the No vote at the referendum doesn't affect the setup or the election being held to elect The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament which is already legislated by The SA Government.
- Voting in the Federal referendum was compulsory for all Australian Citizens aged over 18.
- If you voted in the Federal Referendum and live in SA, you are already enrolled to vote in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election. Just make sure your details are up to date.

Resources

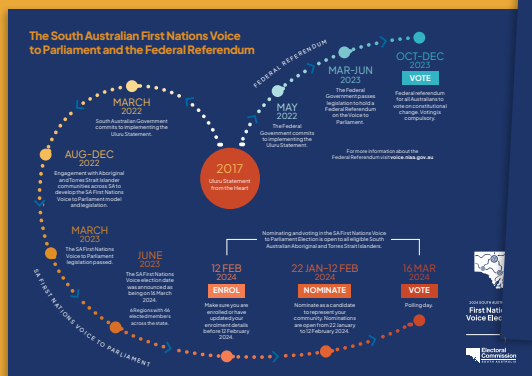
These resources are to help share the facts about the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election on 16 March 2024.

Information booklet, posters and factsheets

You can download the following using the link savoicerelection.sa.gov.au/toolkit

- **Information booklet**
- **Posters**
 - SA Voice Election Posters
 - What is the SA Voice to Parliament?
 - SA Voice and Referendum Infographic
 - How to enrol
 - How to nominate
 - How, when and where to vote
- **Factsheets**
 - What is the South Australian Voice to Parliament?
 - The Referendum vs the South Australian Voice to Parliament
 - How do I enrol
 - How do I nominate
 - How, when and where to vote
- **Forms**
 - SA Voice to Parliament Nomination Pack and Police Check Form
 - Postal Vote Application Form

You can request printed versions of these assets by emailing savoice.ecsa@sa.gov.au



Videos

Animations are an engaging way to explain the SA Voice to Parliament Election. They are available in English and Pitjantjatjara.

There are 9 videos:

- 1 What is the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament?
- 2 What is the difference between the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election and the Federal Voice Referendum?
- 3 What do you need to do?
- 4 How to enrol
- 5 How to nominate
- 6 How, when and where to vote
- 7 How to vote guide
- 8 Postal vote
- 9 How to complete your ballot paper

The video and audio files can be downloaded at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au/toolkit or you can link to and share videos from our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@SAElections.



Resources

Social media tiles > Awareness

You can download the social media tiles and share them on your organisation or community social media channels to reach people with key information.

Topic	Image	Suggested post	Suggested post date
What is the SA Voice to Parliament?		<p>The SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is our chance to choose who will represent us and our communities and help shape our future.</p> <p>Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.</p> <p>Find out more about the SA Voice to Parliament at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au</p>	Before 12 February
SA Voice Election vs Federal Referendum: What is the difference?		<p>There has been a lot of talk about Referendums and the SA Voice to Parliament election, it can be confusing and hard to know the difference between the two.</p> <p>Find out more about the difference between the SA Voice Election and the Federal Referendum at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au</p>	Before 12 February

Resources

Social media tiles > Enrol

You can download the social media tiles and share them on your organisation or community social media channels to reach people with key information.

What you need to do



On Saturday, 16 March 2024, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in South Australia will vote to choose people to represent their community for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

But to vote, you'll need to make sure that your name is on the electoral roll and that your details are current.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Enrol or update your details here:
savaiceelection.sa.gov.au

3 February 2024

Enrol to make sure you can vote



The SA Voice to Parliament Election is our chance to choose who will represent us and our communities and help shape our future, but you have to be on the electoral roll to vote.

Putting your name on the electoral roll or updating your details is easy, visit savaiceelection.sa.gov.au and follow the steps on how to do it.

Enrolment closes 12 February 2024.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

5 February 2024

Ensure your enrolment details are up to date



If you want to vote or put your name as a candidate for the SA Voice Election, you must ensure you're enrolled and your details are up to date.

Putting your name on the electoral roll or updating your details is easy, head to savaiceelection.sa.gov.au and follow the steps on how to do it.

Your enrolment must be updated before 5 pm, 12 February.

Find out more about enrolling here:
savaiceelection.sa.gov.au

8 February 2024

Resources

Social media tiles > Nominate

You can download the social media tiles and share them on your organisation or community social media channels to reach people with key information.

Put your name down to stand up for your community



On Saturday, 16 March 2024, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in South Australia are going to vote to choose people to represent their community for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

4 February
2024

Putting your name as a candidate in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament election is your chance to talk about what is best for our people and make a difference in your community.

Putting your name forward is easy; go to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au, make sure you are enrolled on the electoral roll and complete your nomination online.

Nominations opened on 22 January 2024 and close at 5 pm, 12 February 2024

Find out more about nominating as a candidate in the SA Voice Election here: savoicerelection.sa.gov.au

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can nominate as candidates in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Nominations to run as a candidate are open



Put your name forward as a candidate in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament election. Nominations are now open.

6 February
2024

Head to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au for more information and to complete your nomination.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can nominate as candidates in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Nominations urgency



Nominations for candidates for the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament election close at 5pm, Monday, 12 February 2024. You still have time to put your name down, but time is running out.

9 February
2024



Head to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au for more information and to complete your nomination.

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Social media tiles > Nominate

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Nominations deadline	 <p>A social media tile with a blue background and a circular logo featuring two stylized figures. The text reads: 'Complete your nominations before 5pm, 12 February.' Below the logo is a small white box with the text 'savoiceelection.sa.gov.au' and a small icon of a document.</p>	<p>Nominations to put your hand up to represent your community in the SA First Nations Voice Elections close at 5pm Monday, 12 February.</p> <p>Changes or updates to nominations after this time are not possible, so ensure you complete and submit your nomination early so you can add to it anything you may have missed.</p> <p>Head to savoiceelection.sa.gov.au for more information and to complete your nomination.</p> <p>Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can nominate as candidates in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.</p>	10 February 2024
Nominations close today	 <p>A social media tile with a blue background and a circular logo featuring two stylized figures. The text reads: 'Nominations for the SA Voice Election close at 5pm today.' Below the logo is a small white box with the text 'savoiceelection.sa.gov.au' and a small icon of a document.</p>	<p>Nominating for the SA Voice Election?</p> <p>Make sure your nomination is complete and submitted before 5pm today. Changes or updates to nominations after this time are not possible.</p> <p>Head to savoiceelection.sa.gov.au for more information and to complete your nomination.</p> <p>Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can nominate as candidates in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.</p>	12 February 2024

Resources

Social media tiles > Vote

You can download the social media tiles and share them on your organisation or community social media channels to reach people with key information.

Who is running to represent you



Candidates running in the SA Voice To Parliament have been released today. Check out who is running in your region here:

26 February
2024

Polling date awareness



On Saturday, 16 March 2024, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia are going to vote to choose people to represent their community for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

29 February
2024

Make sure you vote on polling day. Check out where, when and how to vote at savoiceelection.sa.gov.au

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can nominate as candidates in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Apply for a postal vote



On Saturday, 16 March, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia are going to vote to choose people to represent their community for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

1 March
2024

If you can't make it to a polling booth on 16 March, you can apply to vote by post.

You can download one at savoiceelection.sa.gov.au or have one sent to you by calling this phone number: 1300 655 232 or if you live outside metro Adelaide they are available at your local post office.

Complete your postal vote application and return it to Electoral Commission of South Australia to receive your Postal Voting Pack.

Postal voting packs containing your ballot papers will be sent out via post and will arrive from Monday, 4 March.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

To find out more about how you can vote, when you can vote and where you can vote, go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

Resources

Social media tiles > Vote

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Where, when and how to vote



Choose who you think is the right person to put you and your community's best interests forward and vote on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

The place where you can vote will be open on Saturday, 16 March from 8am to 6pm.

Find your nearest place to vote at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au

If you can't make it to a polling booth on polling day, there are other ways to make sure you can vote, like postal voting, early voting and mobile polling.

To find out more about how you can vote, when you can vote and where you can vote, go to this website savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Can't vote on polling day? Here are your options.



If you can't make it to a polling booth on Saturday, 16 March 2024, there are other ways to cast your vote, including early voting and postal voting.

To find out more about how you can vote, when you can vote and where you can vote, go to this website savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Early voting is open



Early Voting Centres are open. If you can't make it to a polling booth on Saturday, 16 March 2024, you can vote at one of the 13 early voting centres across the state.

To find your nearest Early Voting Centre or more about how you can vote, when you can vote and where you can vote, go to this website savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Resources

Social media tiles > Vote

You can download the social media tiles and share them on your organisation or community social media channels to reach people with key information.

Mobile polling locations this week		<p>Mobile polling services for the SA Voice to Parliament Elections are in these locations this week. These details will be updated once mobile polling locations are confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location A• Location B• Location C <p>Go to this website, savoiceelection.sa.gov.au and find out when the mobile polling team will be in your community.</p>	<p>3 March, 7 March 2024</p> <p>We will email locations once confirmed</p>
Postal vote application urgency		<p>Monday is the last day to apply for a postal vote if you can't attend a polling booth on Saturday, 16 March.</p> <p>Postal Vote applications can be downloaded at savoiceelection.sa.gov.au or sent to you by calling this phone number 1300 655 232, or if you live outside metro Adelaide they are available at your local post office.</p> <p>To ensure that you receive your ballot pack in time to vote, complete your postal vote application now, scan or take a photograph of the form and submit it today by emailing it to ECSA.PostalApps@sa.gov.au.</p> <p>To find out more about how you can vote, when you can vote and where you can vote, go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.</p> <p>Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.</p>	<p>8 March 2024</p>

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Polling date approaching



On Saturday, 16 March 2024, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia are going to vote to choose people to represent their community for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

11 March
2024

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is our opportunity to have our say on the future of our lands and communities by choosing the people we want to represent us in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

Choose who you think are the right people to put you and your community's best interests forward and vote on 16 March.

To find out more about how you can vote, when you can vote and where you can vote, go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

Only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the SA Voice to Parliament Election.

Remember to vote



Choose who you think are the right people to put you and your community's best interests forward and vote on Saturday 16 March 2024.

13 March
2024

To find your nearest polling booth go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

Polling day tomorrow



Polling day is tomorrow, Saturday, 16 March.

15 March
2024

Choose who you think are the right people to put you and your community's best interests forward and vote tomorrow.

To find your nearest polling booth go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

Polling day today



Make sure you vote in the SA Voice Election today. Polling booths open at 8am and close at 6pm.

16 March
2024

To find your nearest polling booth go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

Resources

Social media tiles > After the Election

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Results announced	 A square social media tile with a blue background. At the top, it says 'See who your SA Voice representatives are.' Below this is a map of South Australia with different regions highlighted in various colors. At the bottom, there is a small logo for the Australian Electoral Commission and the text 'South Australia'.	The winning candidates in the 2024 SA Voice Election have been announced. Head to savoicerepresentation.sa.gov.au and see your elected representatives.	30 March 2024
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Resources

Email copy > Awareness – Early February 2024

You can share these words in your organisation or email correspondence:

Hi [Insert name],

On Saturday, 16 March 2024, South Australia is organising an election to choose people to attend meetings and talk about things for your community for the new South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

What is the South Australian Voice to Parliament Election?

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is our opportunity to have our say on the future of our lands and communities by choosing the people we want to represent us in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

It is different to the Federal Referendum and the result of the Federal Referendum does not affect the establishment of the SA Voice to Parliament or the SA Voice to Parliament Election being held in March 2024.

The people we choose as our representatives in the election will talk for their local communities and advise on the laws, policies, and programs affecting their community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders across the state.

To be elected, representatives must be South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia can vote.

You will get your chance to choose who you want to be talking for your community on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

Is the SA Voice to Parliament and the Federal Voice Referendum the same thing?

There has been a lot of talk about Referendums and the South Australian Voice to Parliament, and it can be hard to know the difference at times, and sometimes it also be confusing trying to understand the difference.

Both of these came out of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and share the common goal of promoting greater Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation.

The Federal Voice Referendum refers to the National Referendum that was held on 14 October 2023.

At the Federal one, you were asked to vote yes or no to enshrining a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution.

Voting in the Federal referendum was compulsory for all Australian citizens over 18.

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The No result in the Federal Referendum does not affect the setting up of the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament or the election of South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament representatives on 16 March 2024.

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament is different to the Federal Voice Referendum. It will make sure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in South Australia can talk straight to the South Australian Government on the important things for their community.

You will vote to choose who you think will be the right people to talk for your community. If they are elected, these people will speak for their local communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders across the state in South Australia.

Voting in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is not compulsory and only South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can vote in the election.

To find out more about the differences between the Federal Voice Referendum and the SA Voice to Parliament Election go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au

How do I vote in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election?

Polling day is Saturday, 16 March 2024.

To vote in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election, you need to be on the electoral roll, so make sure you sign up and enrol or make sure your details are up to date before 5pm, Monday 12 February 2024.

You are already enrolled on the electoral roll if you live in South Australia and vote in SA state elections, federal elections or voted in the Federal Referendum.

You can update your details and enrol by following this link: savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

Polling day is Saturday, 16 March 2024. There will be polling booths across the state where you can cast your vote. Polling booths will be open from 8am to 6pm.

Polling booth locations are being finalised and will be published on the website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au before the election.

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If you can't get to a polling booth on polling day you can vote by mail by applying for a postal vote or vote at an early voting centre. More information on postal voting and early voting can be found on the website savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

To find out more about the SA Voice to Parliament head to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au, where you can also find information on enrolling, nominating as a candidate and voting in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament election.

Resources

Email copy > Enrolment – Before 11 February 2024

You can share these words in your organisation or email correspondence:

Hi [Insert name],

On Saturday, 16 March 2024, South Australia having an election to choose people to attend meetings and talk about things for your community for the new South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is our opportunity to have our say on the future of our lands and communities by choosing the people we want to represent us in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

But to vote in the election or to nominate as a candidate, you have to be enrolled on the electoral roll and make sure that your details are up to date.

You are already enrolled on the electoral roll if you live in South Australia, and vote in SA state elections, federal elections or voted in the Federal Referendum.

Putting your name on the electoral roll or updating your details is easy. Go to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au and follow the steps on how to do it before 5pm, Monday 12 February 2024.

To find out more about the SA Voice to Parliament head to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au, where you can also find information on enrolling, nominating as a candidate and voting in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament election.

Resources

Email copy > Nominations – 5 February 2024

You can share these words in your organisation or email correspondence:

Hi [Insert name],

On Saturday, 16 March 2024, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia are going to vote to choose people to represent their community for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

Putting your name as a candidate in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament election is your chance to talk about what is best for our people and make a difference in your community.

Any South Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander can put their name forward to be a candidate as long as they meet the eligibility criteria including:

- are on the electoral roll
- are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- are an Australian citizen
- are 18 years or older, and
- living in South Australia right now and have been living at your address for at least one month.

Further information on eligibility criteria can be found at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

Putting your name as a candidate is easy; just go to this website savoicerelection.sa.gov.au, make sure you are enrolled on the electoral roll and complete your nomination online.

For more information on the SA First Nations Voice, putting your name as a candidate and to complete your nomination to put your name forward as a candidate, go to savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

If you can't access the internet, call 1300 655 232 and an nomination pack can be sent to you.

Nominations opened Monday, 22 January 2024, and close at 5 pm, Monday, 12 February 2024.

How to nominate:

1) Download and complete a nomination pack from savoicerelection.sa.gov.au

or

2) Call 1300 655 232 to have a nomination pack sent to you for you to complete

or

3) Complete your nomination online using the SA Voice Election Nomination Portal at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au and complete all relevant sections and submit your nomination form electronically.

If you have any issues completing your nomination, call 1300 655 232.

Put your name forward as a candidate in the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election and be the voice of your community and help shape our future.

Resources

Email copy > Voting 1 March 2024

You can share these words in your organisation or email correspondence:

Hi [Insert name],

This is our chance, vote for our people on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

On Saturday, 16 March 2024, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in South Australia are going to vote to choose people to represent their community for the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is our opportunity to have our say on the future of our lands and communities by choosing the people we want to represent us in the South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament.

Choose who you think are the right people who will put you and your community's best interests forward and vote on 16 March.

How can you vote?

You can vote in person like you do in state or federal elections.

The place where you can vote will be open on Saturday, 16 March from 8am to 6pm. You can find your nearest place to vote at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au.

If you can't make it to a polling booth on polling day, there are other ways to make sure you can put your vote in, like Postal Voting and Early Voting.

Postal Voting:

Applying for a Postal Vote is easy, if you live outside of Adelaide, applications forms are available from your local post office, or download one at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au or have one sent to you by calling this phone number 1300 655 232.

If you live in the Adelaide Metro Area, you can download an application form at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au or have one sent to you by calling this phone number 1300 655 232.

Complete your postal vote application and return it to the Electoral Commission South Australia via post or email to receive your Postal Voting Pack.

Postal Voting Packs containing your ballot papers will be sent out via post and will arrive after Monday, 4 March 2024.

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Email copy > Voting *continued*

You can share these words in your organisation or email correspondence:

Early Voting:

There will also be Early Voting Centres set up across the state at selected locations from Monday, 4 March 2024, to Friday, 15 March 2024. People who cannot attend a polling booth on 16 March may cast their vote at an Early Voting Centre.

Early Voting centre locations can be found at savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

Remote Polling:

There will be places set up to vote in remote places, including the APY region, between Monday, 4 March 2024, to Friday, 15 March 2024.

The places that will be set up for voting in these regions and locations can be found at savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.

To find out more about how you can vote, when you can vote and where you can vote, go to this website savoiceelection.sa.gov.au.



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