

WHO WE ARE

The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) is an independent agency responsible for administering and overseeing the conduct of South Australian parliamentary, local government elections and other elections. Our purpose is to provide high quality electoral services for South Australians.

ECSA strives to provide electoral services that are legitimate and credible in the eyes of our stakeholders. We must adhere not only to our legislative requirements, but also to our guiding values of independence, professionalism and innovation.

SA FIRST NATIONS VOICE ELECTION

South Australia's First Nations Voice to Parliament (the Voice) will be a representative, elected body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Through the Voice, First Nations people can have their say at the highest levels of decision-making in South Australia, including to Parliament, on matters, policies and laws that affect them.

The Voice is an advisory body and will not have veto powers or decision-making powers in South Australia's Parliament. It will allow the opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to raise community priorities in a public, transparent, and accountable way.

SA First Nations Voice to Parliament Election is being held on Saturday 16 March 2024.

This election is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to elect their representatives on one of six Local First Nations Voices.

ECSA will be engaging approximately 260 staff across the election.

More information on the South Australian First Nations Voice Election can be found at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au

VOTING IN THE VOICE ELECTION

To vote in the Voice elections, you must:

- be a First Nations person
- be enrolled on the State electoral roll by 5:00 pm on 12 Feb 2024.

Based on community feedback, and to make sure there is local representation, eligible electors will be voting for candidates within the Voice region they are enrolled to vote in.

Voting in the First Nations Voice election is not compulsory and there are no fines or penalties for not voting.

WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE



In-person voting on polling day 16 March 2024.

There will be polling booths set up across the state on Saturday 16 March 2024.

Early voting: Wednesday, 6 March 2024 to Friday, 15 March 2024.

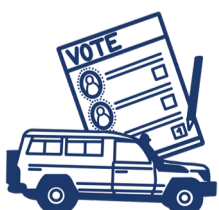
There will be 13 Early Voting Centres set up across the state. Eligible electors who cannot attend a polling booth on election day may cast their vote at an early voting centre. Locations will be published at savoicerelection.sa.gov.au. These Polling places have been assessed for accessibility and cultural appropriateness.



Postal voting

If you are unable to attend a polling booth or early voting centre, postal vote applications will be available from 1 February 2024 at selected locations across the state or can be downloaded from the ECSA website (from 1 February 2024) or by calling 1300 655 232.

Complete the application and return it to ECSA to receive your postal voting pack.



Mobile polling

Nine teams will be conducting mobile polling in regional and remote locations across South Australia between Monday, 4 March and Saturday, 16 March 2024.

There will be up to 57 mobile polling locations across South Australia to enable First Nations people to vote, including eight prisons and one homeless shelter.

KEY FOCUS FOR ECSA

- Employing First Nations person where possible.
- Implementing cultural awareness training for key staff.
- Ensuring polling locations are culturally appropriate by seeking information from Aboriginal elders, liaisons, and community leaders.
- Extensive engagement activities including over 150 engagement activities in metropolitan and regional South Australia, and four candidate briefings in person and online.
- The implementation of an awareness campaign to ensure eligible First Nations people are aware of the election, enrolment, becoming a candidate, and voting. Communication to the target audience will be conducted through radio, posters, First Nation television, regional television, newspapers and online.
- ECSA will distribute promotional material and support tool kits to over 1050 individuals and community providers to educate and share materials to First Nations people.

ELECTION TIMETABLE

EVENT	DATE
Enrol to vote	By Monday 12 Feb 2024
Nominations open	Between Monday 22 Jan and Monday 12 Feb 2024
Roll close	5:00 pm on Monday 12 Feb 2024
Postal vote applications open	Thursday 1 Feb 2024
Nominations close	Monday 12 Feb 2024
Declaration of nominations	Monday 26 Feb 2024
Early voting period	Wednesday 6 Mar 2024 to Friday 15 Mar 2024
Polling day	Saturday 16 Mar 2024
Election count begins	Monday 25 Mar 2024
Results declared	From Monday 25 Mar 2024