



2026 Local Government Extraordinary Election

POSTAL Election Timeline: Thursday 26 March

Days to Election Day	Date	Election Event
80	Mon 5 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day for Declaration to conduct a postal Election (Local Government to appoint the Electoral Commissioner) - cannot be rescinded less than 80 days prior to Election Day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	Thurs 8 January	 Earliest date to commence giving statewide Public Notice of the time and date of close of enrolments (by Electoral Commissioner)
63	Thurs 22 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	Wed 28 January	 Electoral Rolls close (5pm)
52	Wed 2 February	 Latest date to commence statewide Public Notice of a call for nominations
51	Tues 3 February	 Nominations open
44	Tues 10 February	 Close of nominations (4pm)
43	Wed 11 February	 Last day for electoral rolls to be prepared and certified - Owners and Occupiers Roll by Local Government CEO - Residents Roll by Electoral Commissioner
23	Tues 3 March	 Last day to give statewide Public Notice of the Election
24	Mon 2 March	 Labour Day Public Holiday
21	Mon 9 March	 Commencement of processing of returned election packages
0	Thurs 26 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 - Invalidity Complaint - can only be made within 28 days after local public notice of the election has been issued.