

Your official guide to the Farrer by-election

SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026

Voting is compulsory for Australians aged 18 years and over and enrolled in Farrer.

This guide is only relevant for people who are enrolled to vote in the federal electorate of Farrer in New South Wales.

The Farrer by-election is on **Saturday 9 May 2026**. Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

If you are blind or have low vision, you may be able to vote by telephone. There is more information on telephone voting in “Additional information for voters in Farrer who are blind or have low vision” of this guide.

Why?

This by-election is being held following the resignation of the Member for Farrer. You will vote for a representative for the federal electorate of Farrer in the House of Representatives.

Who has to vote?

If you are enrolled in Farrer, you are required to vote in the by-election. You can check your electorate details at aec.gov.au/check or call **13 23 26** if you need help.

Voting on election day

You can vote at any polling place in the federal electorate of Farrer on election day.

Locations may have changed since you last voted. Check where to vote at aec.gov.au/where

The final list of candidates and polling places will be published in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Border Mail*, *The Daily Advertiser* (Wagga Wagga) and *Sunraysia Daily* on Friday 8 May 2026.

Candidates and polling places will also be advertised in some regional newspapers and can be found at aec.gov.au/farrer

You can check the accessibility rating and details of polling places at aec.gov.au/farrer

What if I can't make it on election day?

If you can't make it on the day, you may be eligible to vote early in person or by post.

To check if you are eligible to vote early in person, visit **aec.gov.au/early**

If you are eligible you can vote at any early voting centre from **Tuesday 28 April 2026.**

If you live in a remote area or are in residential aged care, health care, or a similar setting, check for remote or mobile voting options at **aec.gov.au/farrer** or call **13 23 26.**

To check if you are eligible and to apply for a postal vote, visit **aec.gov.au/postal**

Postal vote applications must be received by the AEC no later than 6pm AEST Wednesday 6 May 2026.

For the latest details, including locations, opening dates and times, visit **aec.gov.au/farrer** or call **13 23 26.**

Plan ahead before you vote

Do your research on candidates and preferences before you go to vote. A list of the candidates is available at **aec.gov.au/farrer**

What happens at the polling place?

- A polling official will ask for your full name and address, and whether you have voted before in this election.
- Your name will be marked off the electoral roll.
- You will be given your green ballot paper for the House of Representatives.
- Read the instructions on your ballot paper carefully.
- You can use an AEC pencil, or you can bring your own pencil or pen.
- You must number every box to make your vote count.
- Once you have completed your ballot paper, place it in the ballot box provided.

If you need help, you can **ask a polling official**.

The AEC encourages and expects respectful behaviour at polling places.

Information in this guide reflects circumstances at the time of printing.

How to make your vote count

For the Farrer by-election you will be given a green ballot paper.

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electorate of Farrer in the House of Representatives.

A reminder that voting in a federal by-election is different from voting in a NSW state election or by-election. This federal by-election uses full preferential voting.

Who you vote for is your decision.

For your vote to be counted it is important you **number every box** in the order of your choice.

If you make a mistake you can ask for another ballot paper and start again.

Preferential voting means you **rank candidates** in the order of your choice.

Learn more at aec.gov.au/preferential

Want to practise voting? aec.gov.au/practise

Stop and consider

During a by-election you will see a lot of information designed to influence your vote.

Information from different sources is a vital part of the democratic process. It gives candidates, political parties and others a way to communicate their policies and beliefs with voters.

However, some information may be false or misleading. It's important you carefully consider what you see, hear or read about the Farrer by-election process.

Take the time to consider:

- **Where** did the information come from? Is it from a trustworthy media outlet or an official social media account?
- **When** was it published? Old information that is no longer accurate can be shared to make it appear like new information.
- **Check** if you're not sure. Artificial intelligence technology makes it easier to create false information about the voting process.

If you see something about the Farrer by-election process that you're unsure of, ask the AEC, especially information you may see on social media and online.

Visit aec.gov.au/stopandconsider for more information and short videos with helpful tips.

Accessible information

For blind and low vision voting options call **13 23 26**.

This official guide is available in audio, large print and e-text at aec.gov.au/guide

Request these formats or Braille by calling **13 23 26**.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS). Use your call channel and provide the NRS with our number **13 23 26**.

Auslan interpreting services are also available. For more information visit aec.gov.au/assistance

Translated information

This official guide has been translated into Italian and Nepali and is available at aec.gov.au/guide

Telephone interpreter services are also available. For information, call the number listed next to your language below.

Arabic 1300 720 132

Burmese 1300 290 617

Cantonese 1300 720 135

Croatian 1300 720 136

Dari 1300 290 618

Farsi (Persian) 1300 290 619

Greek 1300 720 137

Italian 1300 720 138

Khmer 1300 720 134

Korean 1300 720 468

Macedonian 1300 720 139

Mandarin 1300 720 142

Polish 1300 720 143

Portuguese 1300 720 145

Russian 1300 720 146

Serbian 1300 720 147

Spanish 1300 720 148

Turkish 1300 720 149

Vietnamese 1300 720 152

Other languages 1300 720 153

Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years and older and enrolled in Farrer.

If you don't vote, you may be prosecuted. Voting more than once is a criminal offence.

Additional information for voters in Farrer who are blind or have low vision

This additional information is for people who are blind or have low vision and are enrolled to vote in the federal electorate of Farrer in New South Wales.

Telephone voting option

If you are blind or have low vision, in addition to postal voting or voting at a polling place, you have the option to cast your vote by telephone.

Voters who are blind or have low vision can cast a vote by telephone from any location by calling **1800 913 993** or **+61 2 6271 4611** if overseas.

Telephone voting will be open from Tuesday 28 April.

Telephone voting is a simple two-step process and AEC voting assistants are available to assist you through the process.

Step 1: Call to register

If you wish to vote by telephone, you must first register by calling **1800 913 993**.

Registration is available on weekdays between 8.30am and 5.30pm AEST from Monday to Friday during the 9 business days prior to by-election day. On by-election day registrations open from 8am and close at 12 midday AEST.

You will be asked questions to check your details on the electoral roll and will be asked to choose a six-digit personal identification number (PIN).

You will then receive an eight-digit telephone voting registration number by your choice of an email, SMS or phone call.

Step 2: Call to vote

Once you have received your registration number and chosen your PIN, you will need to call again to cast your vote.

Telephone voting will commence from Tuesday 28 April.

Voting will be available on weekdays between 8.30am-5.30pm AEST Monday to Friday during the 9 business days prior to by-election day, and 8am-6pm AEST on by-election day.

To cast your vote, call **1800 913 993**.

When you call, do not give your name or any information that could identify you.

Please have your telephone voting registration number and chosen PIN ready.

With these numbers you can vote anonymously without giving your name, and these will be used to mark you off the electoral roll.

An AEC voting assistant will record your vote. A second voting assistant will ensure your vote is recorded as you intended.

Your vote will be read back to you to check for accuracy; you can choose whether the voting assistant or witness reads it back.

Your vote remains secret because the AEC voting assistant will not know your name or address.

Once your vote is complete, the ballot paper is placed into an envelope that is sealed and then deposited into a secure ballot box.

Remember, you have until 12 midday AEST on by-election day Saturday 9 May 2026 to register, and until 6pm AEST to cast your vote.

Accessible information

List of candidates

The list of candidates contesting the Farrer by-election is now available.

You can listen to the list of candidates at aec.gov.au/farrer by using the Read Speaker application on the AEC's website to read the content aloud.

You can also save content from the AEC's website, including the list of candidates, as an MP3 file by using the Read Speaker application.

The list of candidates is available in audio MP3, e-text, and large print at **aec.gov.au/accessible**

Alternatively, you can request a copy be sent to you in the above formats or Braille by calling the AEC on **13 23 26**.

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