

Electoral Commissioner

Dear Members and Senators

Referendum 2023 – Print specifications for Yes/No case pamphlet

Further to my letter of 8 June 2023, I am writing to provide additional information to support the preparation and submission of the Yes/No cases for inclusion in the referendum pamphlet.

The proposed law to alter the Constitution was passed by Parliament on 19 June 2023. Members of the Parliament who voted for or against the proposed law and desire to forward an argument to that effect have four weeks to form a majority for their respective argument and prepare and submit their argument to me. As per section 11(1) of the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* (the Act), only one case can be accepted for the Yes case and only one case can be accepted for the No case. Based on the Parliament of Australia website, attached is a record of individuals who voted Aye and No to the *Constitutional Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023*, which will be cross-referenced as part of our assurance process.

The AEC is not responsible for the authoring of the Yes/No cases; this is a matter for Parliament. The AEC is responsible for the printing and distribution of the referendum pamphlet to each address on the electoral roll no later than 14 days before polling day.

As per section 11 of the Act, the Yes case and the No case must be:

- received by the AEC by 11:59pm AEST, 17 July 2023
- no more than 2,000 words each.
- authorised, in writing, by a majority of the members of Parliament who voted for or against the proposed law and desire to forward such an argument.

The print specifications are attached to assist Members and Senators preparing a case. The specifications include important information about the process, word count, how to submit a case, and a sample layout of the referendum pamphlet.

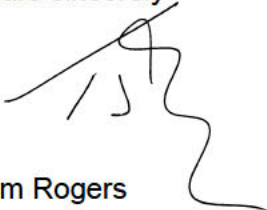
In regard to authorisation of each case, the print specifications outline the options available. The AEC will provide templates when parliament decide their preferred method of authorising each case.

I request that each case be submitted using the Microsoft Word template provided and emailed to the AEC at [REDACTED]. An acknowledgement email will be provided to confirm receipt.

It would assist if Members and Senators could agree a single point of contact for each case and email contact details to [REDACTED].

The AEC looks forward to engaging proactively to support the production of this important information for Australian electors.

Yours sincerely



Tom Rogers

20 June 2023