



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
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Voting services for silent electors

fact sheet

2024 local government elections

Queenslanders will vote in the local government elections on Saturday 16 March 2024.

If you may be at risk, it's important to plan ahead now for how you will have your say. In this fact sheet you'll find information about how you can vote quickly, easily and safely.

Are you at risk?

You can apply to be registered as a **silent elector** if you believe that having your address shown on the publicly available electoral roll could put you or your family at risk.

What is a silent elector?

Silent enrolment means your address will not be shown on future editions of the publicly available electoral roll.

It's also important that others living in your household who are eligible to vote also register as a silent elector to minimise risk of a perpetrator discovering your address.

How do I register?

Complete a registration form to become a silent elector. Visit the AEC website at aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/Special_Category/silent-electors.htm. **You must register as a silent voter by Monday 5 February 2024** and tick the option to receive your ballot papers in the mail.

How do I vote?



Postal voting

As a silent elector, you'll automatically receive your voting materials in the mail.

Remember to read the instructions carefully before you begin. You can complete your vote as soon as you receive it.

All postal votes must be received by the ECQ by 5pm Tuesday 26 March 2024 to be included in the count.

Visit the ECQ website to watch a short video about postal voting and how it works.

ecq.qld.gov.au/how-to-vote/how-to-cast-your-vote/postal-voting.



Telephone voting

Telephone voting is available for eligible electors, including silent electors.

To protect the integrity, secrecy and security of your vote there are a number of steps to follow, so remember to allow sufficient time for this process.

1. **Register:** call 1300 912 782 from 9am on Monday 4 March to noon on Saturday 16 March 2024.
2. **Vote:** from 9am on Monday 4 March to 6pm on polling day, Saturday 16 March 2024.



Voting in person

You can vote in person if you are a silent elector, but you will need to complete a declaration vote at the booth, as your details will not appear on the electoral roll. Ask for the booth supervisor when you arrive, identify yourself as a silent elector and they will assist you.

If you are planning to vote in person, you must vote in your local government area either at an early voting centre or polling place on election day.

Visit the ECQ website ecq.qld.gov.au to find your nearest location and early voting hours.