

# plan to vote



This plan can be used with the *I Can Vote* guide for people with a disability, their family carers, advocates and support professionals: [www.inclusiondesignlab.org.au/voting](http://www.inclusiondesignlab.org.au/voting)

You can fill this form out on a computer. Download this PDF file to your computer. Open it up in [Acrobat Reader](#) and tap the first white box to start typing. You can use the 'tab' key to move to the next question. **Make sure you SAVE the file after filling in the form.**

Name:

This *Plan to Vote* was completed by: (tick all that apply ✓ )

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Me                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family member      | <input type="checkbox"/> Circle of Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House supervisor or other staff member | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend or advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |

This *Plan to Vote* was started on (date):

The *Plan to Vote* works best when someone helps you as you prepare to vote. This may be a person you have ticked above or another person. You can write this person's name and contact details here.

Contact details of my voting supporter:

Name:

Phone number:  Email address:

At elections, I am going to vote: (tick all that apply ✓ )

In person at a voting centre. The closest regular voting centres are:

By postal vote. I need to vote by postal ballot because:

## my electorates

### FIND YOUR STATE ELECTORATES

You can click the button to find out the name of your:

- State District (or your Lower House electorate)
- Region (or your Upper House region)

My local government area:

My state district (lower house)

My state region (upper house)

### FIND YOUR FEDERAL ELECTORATE

You can click the button to find out the name of your federal electorate

My federal electorate (House of Representatives):

## learning about politics and elections

The ways I will learn about politics are: (tick ✓ )

Meeting up and learning in a group – the people I could meet with are: (fill in names below)

Talking to my family, friends, volunteers or support workers about politics

Meeting with a friend, supporter, or family member. This person can help me visit election candidates' websites online and talk about them.

Find a group online. You could ask someone to help you search for a self-advocacy group, a MeetUp group, or something else.

The ways I will learn about election candidates are: (tick all that apply ✓ )

Watching online videos from each candidate and party

Reading the newspaper

Watching:

For supporters: I have added notes from this section to the voter's support plan or diary.

## my plan (complete as many of the following as possible)

**6 months before the election I will:**

Eg. Have conversations about politics with friends, check that I am enrolled to vote.

**3 months before the election I will:**

Eg. Ask someone to help me look at online videos about the different political parties.

**2 months before the election I will:**

Eg. Search online to learn about the candidates in my electorate from both Houses of Parliament, meet with a group of friends to talk about politics.

**1 month before the election I will:**

Eg. Look at the latest policies from each party and candidate in my electorates.

**1 week before the election I will:**

Eg. Check the location of voting centres and make sure my Plan to Vote is up to date.

**1 day before the election I will:**

Eg. Talk with someone to make sure I know who I want to vote for.

## on election day

On election day, this person →

will: (tick one ✓ )

pick me up     drive me     prompt me to walk     walk with me to the voting centre

In the  morning     afternoon    at \_\_\_\_\_ (insert time)

These are the steps I will need to take on election day. I will need support to: (tick all that apply ✓ )

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access the site of the voting centre                | <input type="checkbox"/> Interact with electoral or political party volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Access the building        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify myself to electoral officials              | <input type="checkbox"/> Access the voting booth                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the ballot papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place the completed ballot papers in the ballot box | <input type="checkbox"/> Exit the voting centre                                |   |

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## after I vote

After the election, this person →  will: (tick all that apply ✓)

- Take me out for a coffee or a meal afterwards to talk about what it was like
- Take me and my friends out for a coffee or a meal afterwards to talk about what it was like
- Watch the election coverage on TV in the evening with me and talk about the results
- Talk about the election the next morning using the  TV  internet  newspaper

Another option:

## recording the election date

**Federal elections** usually occur every three years.  
When you know the date of the next Federal election, write it here:

**State elections in Victoria** are held on the last Saturday of November every four years. Write the date of the next State Election:

**Local council elections** for local governments across Victoria are held on the fourth Saturday of October every four years. Write the date of the next council elections:

I  / this person →

have/has entered the election dates into: (tick all that apply ✓)

- My diary  The house diary or planner  My primary voting supporter's diary
- The diary of another important family member, advocate or support worker. (name below)

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