

Stop and consider

Check the source this federal election

During a federal election there is a large amount of information being distributed which is seeking to influence your vote. It's important that you consider what you see, hear or read. If you have doubts about information there are questions you can ask to help you form your own opinion and make a decision.

Your role as a voter

Take the time to consider if the information is:

Reliable

Is it from a reliable or recognisable source?

Do you know the source of the information? Has it come from an accredited media outlet or verified social media account? Electoral laws do not regulate the truth of communication.

Current

When was it published?

Just because a post/article was shared today does not mean it is current. Always check the original source and publication date.

Safe

Could it be a scam?

If you are suspicious of the source or content of information being communicated on social media or other digital platforms, it is important to think carefully before engaging.

Where possible, you should check the contact details of the source of the information.

The AEC's role

The AEC is the independent agency tasked with running the federal election. The AEC's role is to:

Provide reliable information on the electoral process

The AEC will provide easy access to information regarding how to enrol, vote or run as a candidate through our advertising campaign, website, contact centre and social media accounts.

If there is any incorrect information about these election processes, the AEC will act to correct the record. Outside these election processes – the AEC does not have any role in checking the truth of electoral communication.

Investigate the authorisation of electoral communications

Certain electoral communications are required to be authorised to help you to know the source of that information. On receipt of complaints, the AEC will investigate electoral communications that are not properly authorised.

