

# Do you know how to make your vote count?

## The federal election is on Saturday 3 May

It's important you understand how to fill out your ballot papers the proper way on election day.

On the day you'll be given two ballot papers to fill out:


- a small green ballot paper for the House of Representatives, and
- a large white one for the Senate.

On the green ballot paper you are voting for someone to represent your local area in the House of Representatives.

On the white ballot paper you are voting for representatives of your state or territory in the Senate.

**Don't worry if you make a mistake.**  
**Just ask for another ballot paper and start again.**

**Green ballot paper –**  
number **every box** in the order of your choice



House of Representatives  
Ballot Paper



State  
Electoral Division of Division Name

Number the boxes from 1 to 8 in the order of your choice

2

SURNAME, Given Names  
INDEPENDENT

LOGO

3

SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

LOGO

7

SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

LOGO

8

SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

LOGO

1

SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

5

SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

LOGO

6

SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

LOGO

4


SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

Remember... number **every** box to make your vote count


SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper

**White ballot paper –** you can choose to vote either above the line or below the line



Senate Ballot Paper  
State – Election of 6 Senators



You may vote in one of two ways

Either

Above the line

By numbering at least 6 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

A

LOGO

5

PARTY

B

LOGO

2

PARTY

C

LOGO

LOGO

1

PARTY

D

LOGO

PARTY

E

LOGO

3

PARTY

F

LOGO

LOGO

6

PARTY

G

4

Or

Below the line

By numbering at least 12 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

1

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

PARTY

8

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

5

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

3

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

2

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

6

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

12

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

PARTY

10

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

9

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

11

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

SURNAME  
Given Names  
PARTY

UNGROUPED

SURNAME  
Given Names  
INDEPENDENT

4

SURNAME  
Given Names  
INDEPENDENT

SURNAME  
Given Names  
INDEPENDENT

SURNAME  
Given Names  
INDEPENDENT

7

SURNAME  
Given Names  
INDEPENDENT

SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper

**EITHER**  
**Vote above the line**  
Number **at least 6 boxes** for parties or groups, in the order of your choice.

**OR**  
**Vote below the line**  
Number **at least 12 boxes** for individual candidates, in the order of your choice.

To help make sure you're ready, you can see more about how to fill out your ballot papers the proper way at [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au). Your vote will help shape Australia.

To learn more

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