

My plan for voting by mail in the Farrer by-election

My by-election plan helps me plan how to vote in the 2026 Farrer by-election.

My name:

This by-election is needed to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives.
I can vote for a new candidate to represent me.

The date for this by-election is **Saturday 9 May 2026**.

This plan to vote was completed by

Me

A family member

My support person

A friend

Other

Learning about the candidates who will represent me

Before I vote it is important to learn about the **candidates** I want to represent me.



A **candidate** is someone who wants to be part of the House of Representatives.

I can learn about the candidates by:

Talking with the people I trust. For example, family members, friends, people in social groups or learning groups that I am part of, or a support person.

The people I can talk with are:

Looking at trusted news sources to get information. This may be things like watching the news on the TV, reading a newspaper, or looking at the candidate's website.



Applying to vote by mail

If I can't vote in a polling place I can still vote. I can get my ballot paper through the mail. This is called a **postal vote**.

I will be doing
a postal vote
because:

I can apply for a postal vote now.

To receive a postal vote, I must fill out a postal vote application.

I can do this by filling out an online application at aec.gov.au/postal

OR

I can pick up a postal vote application form from an AEC office.

I can apply now, to make sure I get my ballot paper in time to vote.

How to vote by mail

I need to follow the instructions in my postal vote pack.

Someone who can help me is

Name:

My ballot paper pack must be received by the AEC by **Friday 22 May 2026** so my vote can be counted.

I need to post my postal vote pack back as soon as possible after I have completed it.

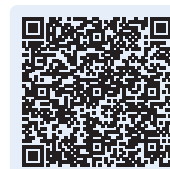
To help me vote by mail, I can look at this Social Story.

For the by-election I will only need to vote for the House of Representatives on the green ballot paper.

Social Story →

PDF booklet

[aec.gov.au/farrer/files/accessibility/EF340 Voting in a federal by-election by mail Social Story.pdf](https://aec.gov.au/farrer/files/accessibility/EF340_Voting_in_a_federal_by-election_by_mail_Social_Story.pdf)



Other resources →

aec.gov.au/farrer/accessibility.htm#resources



My plan

Apply for my postal vote.

Make sure I have this to help me fill out my postal vote application:

My full name

The date I was born

My address

Where I want my ballot paper to be sent

My phone number and email address (if I have one)

Pen and paper to record my answer to the secret question I choose

Research my candidates to find out who I want to represent me.

The person who will help me complete my application and vote is:

Make sure I have this to help me fill out my postal vote:

A witness who is on the electoral roll to make sure I fill out my own ballot paper.

The answer I chose to the secret question.

Fill out my postal vote when I receive it.

Mail my postal vote pack as soon as I have completed it.

After I vote

I can watch the election coverage on the TV and talk about the results with a family member, my support person or a friend.

I can also talk about what it was like to vote.

More information

If I want more information on voting by mail, I can follow the links below and look at my voting options.

AEC accessible website →

Information for people with disability or mobility restrictions

aec.gov.au/farrer/accessibility.htm



Check my enrolment →

Confirm my enrolment details

check.aec.gov.au



Practise voting tool →

Practise voting with a House of Representatives ballot paper

aec.gov.au/Voting/How_to_vote/practice/practice-house-of-reps.htm



Your official guide to the Farrer by-election →

aec.gov.au/farrer/official-guide.htm



Accessible education webpage →

Learn all about federal elections

aec.gov.au/community/accessible-education.htm



Voting in a federal by-election by mail →

Social Story PDF booklet

[aec.gov.au/farrer/files/accessibility/EF340 Voting in a federal by-election by mail Social Story.pdf](http://aec.gov.au/farrer/files/accessibility/EF340%20Voting%20in%20a%20federal%20by-election%20by%20mail%20Social%20Story.pdf)



Australian Electoral Commission →

For general information I can go to the website

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