10 Tips on How to Find Information

on Candidates/Parties for AUSTRALIAN Voters

1. To help Voters with the federal electoral information, visit the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) website https://www.aec.gov.au to check enrolment, where to vote, and the names of Candidates and Parties (*once* the ballot papers are published for each of the 150 electorates).

2. To help a Voter know which electorate they are in, visit https://electorate.aec.gov.au/LocalitySearchResults.aspx

3. The AEC provides a document on "*How to make your vote count*" https://www.aec.gov.au/Voting/How_to_Vote/files/how-to-make-your-vote-count.pdf
In the House of Representatives (Lower House) at polling places, Voters will be given 2 ballot papers (forms). For the 'green' ballot paper, number ALL boxes (in YOUR preference order). For the Senate (Upper House) 'white' ballot paper, number *either* above the line with a minimum of 6 boxes from 1 to 6 *OR* below the line with a minimum of 12 boxes from 1 to 12 (in YOUR preference order). Remember to complete the ballot papers with a pen (not pencil), write your "1" not as "I" to avoid any illegal tampering of your ballot paper. It's recommended, if voting above the line in the Senate (white ballot paper) to number more than the minimum 6 boxes, to ensure your vote is not extinguished. If you make a mistake, speak to the AEC staff and request new ballot paper.

4. Go to ABC News Elections 2025 Federal Election Guides which provides electorate information, electorate borders, margin %, past election results, Candidates profiles, photos and website links. https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2025/guide/electorates-by-state

5. Go to the ACL website https://australiavotes.org.au and see the differences or similarities between the various political parties' policies/values. Choose which is the preferred party/Candidate and then go to the respective political party &/or candidate's webpage for further details.

6. For additional information, type the Candidate's name into an internet browser search engine using quotation marks at beginning (before first name) and at end of surname e.g. "*Joe Bloggs*". For some Candidates, this method of internet searching isn't possible; hence the need to search party/candidate websites, social media platforms e.g. Facebook and ABC News Election 2025 Federal Guides. Search for party/candidate website and policies and also a Candidate's profile e.g. community work, civic ability, skills, experience, values and policies.

7. If in any doubt as to which is the preferred Candidate, search for the Candidate's contact details (if available) to ask them any relevant questions. A trustworthy recommendation about a Candidate is also useful.

8. Make a decision as to the choice of Candidate (or Party) in a preferred order. See point 3 above for House of Representatives ('green' ballot paper) and Senate ('white' ballot paper).

9. Voters in the Federal Election who are deeply concerned about issues (cost of living, energy costs, housing affordability/availability, education, health, employment and immigration etc.) and/or family, freedom, faith and life values (which are fundamental to all human rights), will need to consider carefully how their vote will impact the next 3 years of the Australian Parliament and the Australian Government, until 2028.

10.   Make an informed decision before voting. Make your vote count - VOTE WISELY.