

2026 Division of Mulka by-election

12 September 2026

Date	Time	
Thursday 20 August		Issue of the writ Nominations open
Friday 21 August	5:00 pm	Electoral roll closes
Tuesday 25 August		Election return of gifts received (return prior to early voting) due
Thursday 27 August	12:00 noon	Nominations close Declaration of nominations, draw for position on ballot papers
Friday 28 August		Election return of gifts received (return prior to early voting) published
Monday 31 August		Postal vote mail-out commences Early voting commences Mobile voting commences
Tuesday 8 September	5:00 pm	Overseas postal voting despatches cease
Wednesday 9 September		Election return of gifts received (return prior to election day) due
Thursday 10 September	5:00 pm	All postal voting despatches cease
Friday 11 September		Election return of gifts received (return prior to election day) published
	6:00 pm	Early voting ceases
Saturday 12 September		Election day
	8:00 am	Election day voting commences
	6:00 pm	Election day voting ceases Mobile voting ceases Primary counts of ordinary, postal and early votes commence
Monday 14 September	9:00 am	Declaration vote verification checks, commence recheck of all counts Primary counts of accepted declaration votes, further postal counts
Friday 25 September	12:00 noon	Deadline for receipt of postal votes Final counts of postal votes commence Distribution of preferences
Monday 28 September	10:00 am	Declaration of the election result
Monday 19 October		Return of the writ
Thursday 22 October		Election return of gifts received (post-election return) due (to be published as soon as practicable)
Monday 9 November		Last day for disputing the validity of the election
Wednesday 11 November		Expenditure returns due (to be published as soon as practicable)