

2026 Division of Nightcliff By-election

7 March 2026

Date	Time	
Thursday 12 February		Issue of the writ Nominations open
Friday 13 February	5:00 pm	Electoral roll closes
Tuesday 17 February		Election return of gifts received (return prior to early voting) due
Thursday 19 February	12:00 noon	Nominations close Declaration of nominations, draw for position on ballot papers
Friday 20 February		Election return of gifts received (return prior to early voting) published
Monday 23 February		Postal vote mail-out commences Early voting commences Mobile voting commences
Tuesday 3 March	5:00 pm	Overseas postal voting despatches cease
Wednesday 4 March		Election return of gifts received (return prior to election day) due
Thursday 5 March	5:00 pm	All postal voting despatches cease
Friday 6 March		Election return of gifts received (return prior to election day) published
	6:00 pm	Early voting ceases
Saturday 7 March		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 9 March	9:00 am	Declaration vote verification checks, commence recheck of all counts Primary counts of accepted declaration votes, further postal counts
Friday 20 March	12:00 noon	Deadline for receipt of postal votes Final counts of postal votes commence Distribution of preferences
Monday 23 March	10:00 am	Declaration of the election result
Monday 13 April		Return of the writ
Thursday 16 April		Election return of gifts received (post-election return) due (to be published as soon as practicable)
Monday 4 May		Last day for disputing the validity of the election
Wednesday 6 May		Expenditure returns due (to be published as soon as practicable)