



2023 Arafura by-election

18 March 2023

Date	Time	
Thursday 23 February		Issue of the writ Nominations open
Friday 24 February	5:00 pm	Electoral roll closes
Tuesday 28 February		Election return of gifts received (return prior to early voting) due
Thursday 2 March	12:00 noon	Nominations close Declaration of nominations, draw for position on ballot papers
Friday 3 March		Election return of gifts received (return prior to early voting) published
Monday 6 March		Postal vote mail-out commences Early voting commences Mobile voting commences
Tuesday 14 March	5:00 pm	Overseas postal voting despatches cease
Wednesday 15 March		Election return of gifts received (return prior to election day) due
Thursday 16 March	5:00 pm	All postal voting despatches cease
Friday 17 March		Election return of gifts received (return prior to election day) published
	6:00 pm	Early voting ceases
Saturday 18 March		Election day
	8:00 am	Election day voting commences
	6:00 pm	Election day voting ceases Mobile voting ceases
Monday 20 March	9:00 am	Primary counts of ordinary, postal and early votes commence Declaration vote verification checks, commence recheck of all counts Primary counts of accepted declaration votes, further postal counts
Friday 31 March	12:00 noon	Deadline for receipt of postal votes Final counts of postal votes commence Distribution of preferences
Monday 3 April	10:00 am	Declaration of the election result
Monday 24 April		Return of the writ
Thursday 27 April		Election return of gifts received (post-election return) due (to be published as soon as practicable)
Monday 15 May		Last day for disputing the validity of the election
Wednesday 17 May		Expenditure returns due (to be published as soon as practicable)