

Difference between the 2023 Referendum and 2024 First Nations Voice to the South Australian Parliament

The South Australian Government is holding elections on 16 March 2024 for the First Nations Voice to the South Australian Parliament.



The Australian Government is holding a referendum later this year on whether to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice (2023 Referendum).

These are two different events.

A Quick comparison

	First Nations Voice to the South Australian Parliament	2023 Referendum
Who is eligible to vote?	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are on the South Australian electoral roll	All people on the electoral roll
When is it being held?	16 March 2024	Date not yet decided – later 2023
How to fill out your ballot paper?	Write your preference using numbers	Write YES or NO
Compulsory?	Voting is not compulsory	Voting is compulsory
Who runs this event?	Delivered by the Electoral Commission South Australia	Delivered by the Australian Electoral Commission

Enrolling to vote in both events

-  The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) maintains the electoral roll, and this is also used by the Electoral Commission South Australia for elections in that state.
-  If you are on the electoral roll, you can vote in elections and referendums. You don't need to enrol anywhere else.

Further information

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