



# Make your voice count

## ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body

### Nominating as a candidate for the elected body

To be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for the election you must be an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander, at least 18 years old, and on, or entitled to be on, the ACT electoral roll. However, candidates cannot be under sentence of imprisonment for one year or longer for an indictable offence.

Nominations open on Monday 26 May 2008. Nominations must be given to the ACT Electoral Commissioner at his office by the close of nominations at 12 noon on Tuesday 10 June 2008. Alternatively they may be posted to the ACT Electoral Commissioner at PO Box 272, Civic Square, ACT, 2608. They may also be faxed to (02) 62050382 or scanned and emailed to elections@act.gov.au. Nominations posted, faxed or emailed must also reach the Electoral Commissioner before the close of nominations.

The form you require to nominate for election to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body is available from the office of the ACT Electoral Commissioner or from the Elections ACT website [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au).

Late nominations will not be accepted under any circumstance.

### Election information

An election is being conducted to elect 7 members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body for the ACT.

#### Key dates for the 2008 election are:

Election start day (Candidate nominations open)	Monday 26 May
Electoral rolls close	5pm Wednesday 4 June
Nominations close	12 noon Tuesday 10 June
Nominations for candidates declared	12 noon Wednesday 11 June
Order of ballot paper decided	After nominations declared, Wednesday 11 June
Voting starts	Monday 16 June
Last voting day	Saturday 21 June
Counting of votes commences	Tuesday 1 July
Election declared	As soon as counting is completed

### Voting for the elected body

To be eligible to vote you must be an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander, be at least 18 years old and be on, or eligible to be on, the ACT electoral roll.

Voting for the Elected Body will be from Monday, 16 June 2008 until Saturday, 21 June 2008, inclusive.

You will be able to vote at any of the following polling places at the times shown (right)

If you are not able to vote in person, you can have a postal vote. Contact Elections ACT on 62050033 or visit their website [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au) for further information and a postal vote application.

Monday 16 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Gungahlin Community Resource Centre Ernest Cavanagh St, Gungahlin (next to the library)
Tuesday 17 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Belconnen Community Centre Cnr Chandler St & Swanson Crct, Belconnen
Wednesday 18 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Australian Public Service Commission Training Centre 16 Furzer St, Phillip
Thursday 19 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Tuggeranong Library Cowlshaw St, Tuggeranong
Friday 20 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Civic Library Civic Square, London Circuit, Civic
Saturday 21 June 2008	8am to 12noon	Erindale Neighbourhood Centre Cnr Sternberg Cres & Comrie St, Wanniasa
Saturday 21 June 2008	2pm to 6pm	Southside Community Services Boolimba Cres, Narrabundah

### How to vote for your preferred candidates

Ballot papers for the election will show the names of all candidates in a single column. To make your vote in the election, number 7 boxes from 1 to 7 in the order of your choice. You may then show as many further preferences as you wish by writing numbers from 8 onwards in the other boxes.

Voting in this election is not compulsory.

The election will be conducted by Elections ACT in accordance with the requirements of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2008.

For further information on the election contact Elections ACT on (02) 62050033 or visit their website [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au).

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