

Victorian State Election 2026

Key Dates:

Mon 9 November: Nominations close for candidates

Wed 18 November: Early Voting Opens

Sat 28 November: Voting Opens 8am – 6pm

Bendigo West – Information, Historical Context & Candidates

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/vic/2026/guide/bewe>

Bendigo West Candidates

Brenton Baldwin – Australian Labor Party

<https://www.viclabor.org.au/our-team/brenton-baldwin>

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David Hutchings – The Nationals

<https://vic.nationals.org.au/candidates-shane-sali/>

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Ellen Morgan – One Nation

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Tayne Shalevski – Victorian Socialists

<https://www.victoriansocialists.org.au/candidates/tayne-shalevski>

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Liza Shaw – The Greens

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ACMA – Political and Election Guidelines

https://www.acma.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-05/Guidelines%20for%20the%20broadcast%20of%20political%20matter_May%202023.pdf

‘Reasonable opportunities’ to participants in elections.

Licensees are not obliged to broadcast election matter at all. However, if they do, certain obligations arise. If, during an election period a broadcaster broadcasts election matter, the broadcaster must give reasonable opportunities for broadcasting election matter to all political parties contesting the election.

What this means for a presenter at MainFM?

If you want to invite a candidate on your show, you are obliged to extend that invite to all candidates, giving all candidates the same opportunity to respond.

Information on the Victorian State Election

Commentary from the ABC says *‘the stage is set for perhaps the most complicated and unpredictable election in modern Australian history’* and points to the rise of One Nation as major disrupter to the two party system.

For a guide to the election form the ABC visit

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/vic/2026/guide/preview>