

# Prisons and without a home education and engagement plan 2025 to 2027

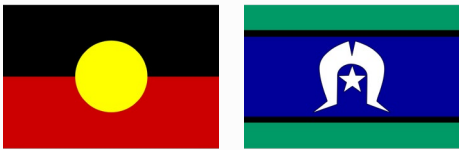
Easy Read version



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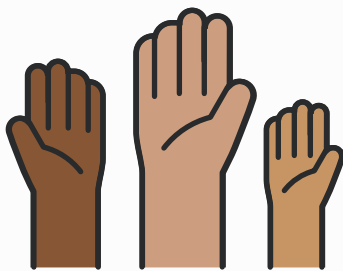
# Acknowledgement of Country



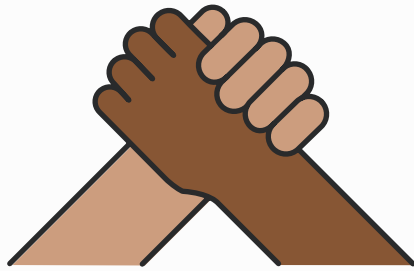
We acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the first to care for Country.



Country is the land we work on.



We celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' important role in the community.



We respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples':

- history
- culture
- past and present Elders.



Respect means we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong connection to the land, water, and sea.

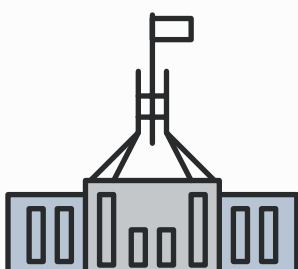


Elders know a lot about culture and history and are very important to the community.

# About our plan



This plan is from the Victorian Electoral Commission.



We help people in Victoria vote.



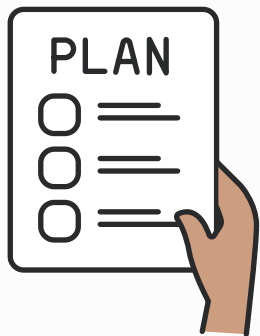
We wrote this plan to tell you about how we want to make things better for people who are in prison or homeless.



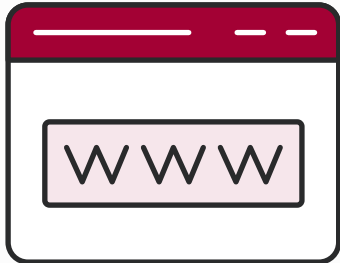
Being homeless means you do not have a safe place to live.



This is an Easy Read summary.  
Summary means we only include  
our most important ideas.



When we write our plan, we mean  
our Prisons and without a home  
education and engagement plan.

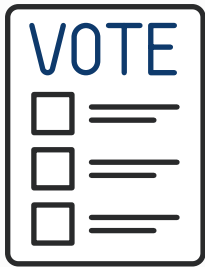


You can read the full version of  
our plan on [our website](#).



You can also find our contact information  
on page 22 at the end of our plan.

# About the Victorian Electoral Commission



We hold local council elections  
and state elections in Victoria.  
Elections are where people vote.



When you vote, you help choose  
who is part of government.

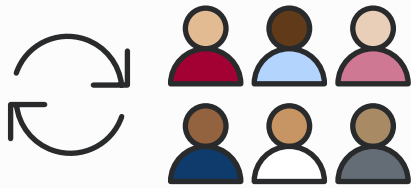


In Australia, people get to vote because  
everyone is part of a democracy. This means  
you get to help decide how things happen.



We also do other important activities, like:

- keep a list of all the people who vote in elections in Victoria
- help people in Victoria know how, when, and where to vote
- make sure people follow the law during an election.



We care about the work we do.

We make sure we improve what we do for the community.





To improve, we work with 5 groups that represent people who might need extra help to be part of our democracy.

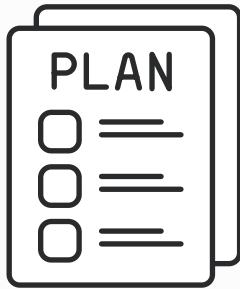
The 5 groups we work with are:

- the Aboriginal Advisory Group
- the Electoral Access Advisory Group
- the Prisons and Without a Home Advisory Group
- the Young People Advisory Group
- the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Advisory Group.

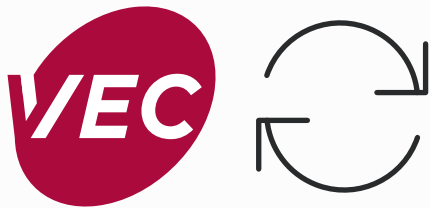


These groups help us understand what people need and want.

# How we made our plan



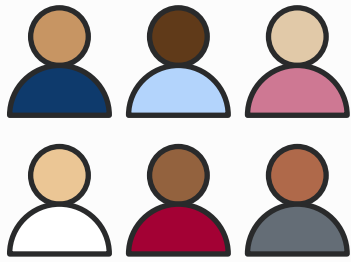
To make our plan, we looked at 2 other plans.



One of the plans we looked at talks about changes we must make because of changes outside our workplace.



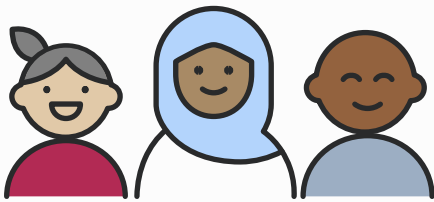
The other plan we looked at talks about how we want to make our workplace more inclusive, accessible and diverse.



Inclusive means everyone is welcome and can take part.



Accessible means everyone can use something or go somewhere.



Diverse means people are different from each other.



Other things that helped us make this plan were:

- looking at what worked in the first plan we made for people in prison and who are homeless
- talking to and getting ideas from groups who work with people in prison and who are homeless, for example Corrections Victoria and the Council to Homeless Persons.

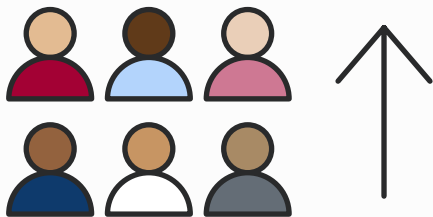


We also talked to people with lived experience of being in prison or being homeless.

# What we want to make better



We want to help people who are in prison or homeless to get a chance to vote in elections.

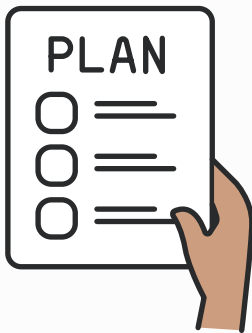


More people can be a part of our democracy if we make it easier to vote.

# How we plan to make things better

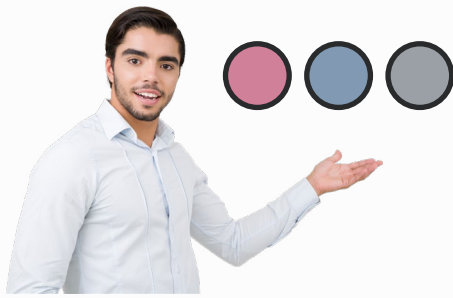


We have some goals to make things better.



The goals of our plan are to make sure:

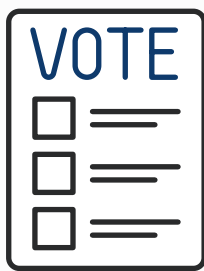
- we think about people who are in prison or homeless when we plan our services
- people who are in prison or homeless trust elections
- we connect with more people who are in prison or are homeless and they can vote.



We have 3 things we want to focus on to get our goals done:

- access
- knowledge and confidence
- relationships, visibility, and representation.

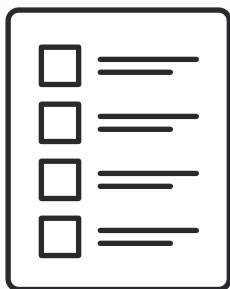
## Access



This means we will make sure there are more ways to vote if you are in prison or homeless.



We can work with prisons and homeless services to do this.



We will make Easy Read guides about how to enrol and vote, so people in prison can get the information they need.



We will look at what other barriers make it hard for people in prison to enrol and vote.



## Knowledge and confidence

This means we want to help people who are in prison or homeless learn more about elections and our services.



We want people to feel more comfortable to take part in our democracy.





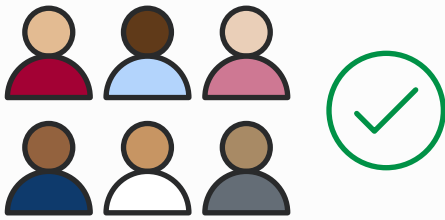
We will do this by:

- teaching people in prisons and young people who are homeless about elections
- working with prisons and homeless services to help people get information all year round
- finding out if we can give more resources to prisons and homeless services.



## Relationships, visibility, and representation

This means we will work with groups who support people in prison or who are homeless.



Working with these groups means we can talk to everyone about elections and voting.

This means people in prisons or who are homeless will not miss out on our services.



We will work with these groups by getting ideas from them and supporting them.

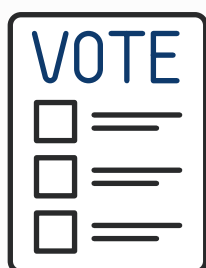
We will make sure people in prisons or who are homeless are represented in the community.



We will make sure they do not miss out on our services by:

- going to events that are run by services that help people in prison and who are homeless
- employing people who have lived experience of being homeless or in prison
- looking at information about how people who are homeless take part in elections.

# How we will know if our plan is working

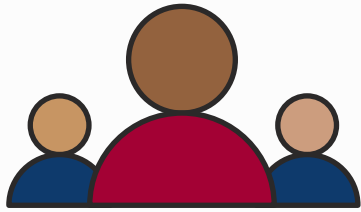


We will know that the plan is working if more people who are in prison and who are homeless are able to enrol and vote.



Other things that we can check that might tell us if the plan is working are if:

- the groups that we work with know how important it is that the people they support vote in elections
- the groups that we work with can support people who are in prison or do not have a home to vote in elections.



Our leaders will do their best to make sure our plan works.

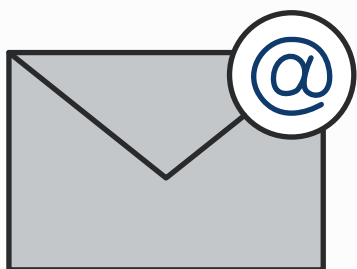


We will make a report about how our plan is going and set goals so we can see its progress.



We will use feedback from people who are homeless or in prison to set our goals.

# Contact information



## Email

[info@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@vec.vic.gov.au)

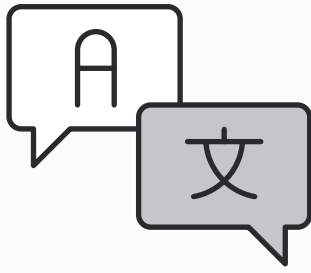


## Call

131 832

We will answer the phone between 8:30 am and 5 pm local time. We are in Melbourne.

If you are outside Victoria, you can call us on 03 8620 1100.



## Use the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

Call 131 450 and ask to speak to Victorian Electoral Commission on 131 832.



## Use the National Relay Service (NRS)

Visit the [National Relay Service](https://www.nationalrelayservice.gov.au) website.

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