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Introduction

The VEC results data feed (the feed) is a structured XML-based service that provides approved external stakeholders with access to election results data in machine-readable format, subject to acceptance of the applicable terms of use.

The feed provides the same first preference and two-candidate-preferred (2CP) results data that is available on the VEC website, but in a downloadable XML format designed for automated processing and integration with software used by broadcast and digital publication systems, as well as election analysts.

The VEC website is the primary source of election results data for most interested stakeholders. The results data feed is only intended for users with the technical capability to download, parse and process XML data within their own systems.

The feed provides access to election set-up information and progressive results data throughout state election events as a set of XML messages based on the Election Mark-up Language (EML) standard.

Audience

The purpose of this document is to provide information to external stakeholders who are interested in accessing the feed. It is intended for election analysts, business analysts, software developers and technical production teams.

Scope

The document provides an overview of the feed service, as well as information about:

- the election set-up files
- the result data files
- the file structures including schemas
- structural changes that have been made to the files for the 2026 State Election
- frequently asked questions.

Results data feed overview

The VEC's results data feed allows external stakeholders to access progressive election results in a structured format. Stakeholders who access the feed can then use their own software systems to:

- automate election night reporting, visualisations and analysis
- integrate election results into websites, broadcast systems, digital publication platforms and other reporting applications
- map results to candidates, groups, and polling locations
- monitor the progress of counting activities throughout election night and the election counting period
- undertake independent analysis of election results.

Who is the results feed for

The results data feed is only intended for users with the technical capability to download, parse and process XML data within their own systems.

It is intended for media organisations and election analysts.

Consumers of the feed should have experience working with XML data and be capable of developing and maintaining their own integrations.

Accessing the results feed

Access to the VEC results data feed is provided to approved stakeholders, subject to acceptance of the applicable terms of use. Prior to an election event, approved stakeholders will receive:

- access to a secure result data feed SharePoint site from which they can manually download the results data feed files
- a shared access token that will allow users to automatically download results data feed files
- access to sample XML files
- a technical user guide.

Requirements

To access the feed, approved stakeholders will require:

- internet access (high-speed is recommended)
- an authorised email address

- a suitable server or secure environment to receive files
- access to specialist technical resources that are familiar with automated download, parsing and processing of XML files (.zip compression)

Further information is available to approved stakeholders via the technical user guide.

System readiness

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring their systems can securely access and process the feed. It is recommended that feed integrations are tested before election day using sample data provided by the VEC.

Prior to a State general election, the VEC will also conduct an election night trial where authorised users can test their consumption of the feed into their own software systems. The trial will publish **test** first preference data for candidates and groups who have nominated for the election. Two-candidate-preferred data will not be included.

How often is the results feed updated

The feed is updated at a set frequency that varies depending on the stage of counting and the volume of incoming results.

During election weekend, the feed is refreshed every 5 minutes and will update with first preference and 2CP data as counts are completed.

Following election weekend, updates continue as declaration votes are received, processed and counted, and as recheck activities are undertaken.

Further updates will occur as results are finalised.

After election weekend, the set frequency will be slowly reduced throughout the count period as the volume of counting activities reduces.

Publication timing with the VEC website

The VEC results data feed and the results data on the VEC website are generated from the same data source and therefore contain the same election results information.

During election weekend, results are published to the feed every 5 minutes. While publication to the website and results data feed is coordinated as closely as possible, there may be slight differences in publication timing. These timing differences occur as part of the file generation, upload and retrieval process for each system and do not indicate a difference in the underlying election results data.

What files are provided

The feed consists of two broad categories of XML files:

- set-up files
- results files.

Detailed information about these files and their schemas is provided in the following sections of this document.

The results data feed uses XML messages based on the Election Mark-up Language (EML) standard, with VEC-specific extensions where required.

EML is an international standard for the structured interchange of data among hardware, software and service providers engaged in providing election or voter services. The EML standard defines numerous message schemas that can be used during many different phases of the election process.

Only a subset of these messages is relevant to the VEC results data feed system.

What has changed since the last State election

The results data feed for the 2026 State election includes several enhancements compared to previous State election events.

Structural changes

The following changes affect how information is presented within the set-up files and results files:

- publication of results by early voting centre (EVC)
- publication of an amalgamated mobile voting result for each district
- introduction of a location classification type, address details and XY coordinates.
- introduction of the Maverick attribute to support the controlled publication of two candidate preferred (2CP) results
- updated file naming conventions, including the addition of the feed version identifier (v2) within file names.

Results data enhancements

The following changes affect the data that is published within the existing results file structures:

- publication of the most recent result available for each vote parcel (polling place or aggregated vote type total), rather than reporting only primary or recheck results for an entire electorate
- publication of 2CP results for Legislative Assembly (Lower House) district elections that are updated following the completion of the recheck
- publication of upper house recheck data sourced from the computerised recheck process.

Further information on the structural changes introduced for the 2026 State election and the latest available count data published through the results data feed is provided in the [Structural changes for State Election 2026](#) and [Main results messages](#) sections of this guide.

Set-up files

The set-up files provide the reference data required to interpret the results data that is published in some of the results files. They establish the relationships between identifiers used in the results files and the corresponding election information, including candidates, groups and polling locations.

There are three set-up files available:

- polling locations
- candidates
- groups and tickets.

Each set-up file contains reference structures for a specific type of election information.

The **polling locations** file defines districts, regions and polling locations, including polling location identifiers, names, classifications and location details.

The **candidates** file defines candidates and their associated election, contest, ballot position and affiliation information.

The **groups and tickets** file defines Upper House groups, the candidates within each group and related ballot information.

The XML schemas for each set-up file are provided in the [Set-up file schemas](#) section of this guide.

The Lite and LitePP results files reference information contained within these set-up files. Stakeholders using the Verbose results files do not need to consume the set-up files, as the supporting information is included within the results file itself, but may choose to do so if it aids their own system set-up.

Set-up files are published prior to the commencement of results reporting and are not expected to change during the election event. If updates are required, revised versions will be published.

Using identifiers

The Lite and LitePP results files use unique identifiers to reference election information contained within the set-up files.

Consumers should use these identifiers when linking:

- candidates to results
- voting locations to results
- groups to candidates
- districts and regions to results.

Identifiers ensure that results data can be accurately linked to the corresponding set-up file information.

Note: Candidate names, polling location names and group names should be treated as display information only and should not be relied upon as unique identifiers to link to results data.

How are the set-up files packaged

All set-up files are provided as XML files. Unlike results files, set-up files do not contain election results and are not published as periodic snapshots throughout the count.

File naming convention

The set-up files are named using a standard convention that identifies the election event, file type and feed version where the file types (with feed version) are:

- MediaFilePollingLocationsV2
- MediaFileCandidatesV2
- MediaFileGroupsAndTicketsV2

State general election example: State2026MediaFileGroupsAndTicketsV2

State by-election example: NepeanBy2026MediaFileCandidatesV2

Naming Component	Description	New for State Election 2026?
Election Identifier	Compact Election name, e.g. State2026	No change
Media File	Identifies the file as a media feed set-up file	No change
PollingLocations / Candidates / GroupsAndTickets	Set-up file type	No change
V2	Feed/schema version	Yes

Polling Locations file

The Polling Locations set-up file contains information about electoral districts and voting locations. The file is used to link voting centre results contained in the results files to their corresponding location.

It includes:

- unique polling location identifiers
- polling location names
- location classification type (new for 2026)

- address details (new for 2026)
- latitude and longitude coordinates (new for 2026)
- associated district information
- wheelchair accessibility classifications (full, assisted or none).

Candidates file

The Candidates set-up file contains information about all candidates contesting the election. The file is used to link candidate identifiers contained in the results files to candidate information.

It includes:

- unique candidate identifiers
- candidate names
- party affiliation or independent status
- ballot paper position
- the associated district or region.

A reference list of affiliation identifiers and corresponding registered political party information will also be made available on the VEC website following the close of nominations.

Groups and Tickets file

The Groups and Tickets set-up file contains information relating to Legislative Council (Upper House) region elections. The file is used to interpret Upper House group structures represented within the results files.

It includes:

- group identifiers and group letters
- group names
- candidates within each group
- ballot paper ordering
- group voting ticket information (this information will no longer populate following the removal of these from Upper House region elections by changes to the Electoral Act in August 2026).

Results files

The results files contain progressive election results and are updated throughout the counting period as new results become available.

These files contain vote totals and other count-related information. Some counts, such as two-candidate-preferred (2CP) results, are indicative only. 2CP results may be hidden in the files if the 2CP selection is incorrect, and selections may be corrected at the commencement of rechecks following election weekend.

Understanding results file types

The VEC provides election results in three results file types for both district elections (Lower House) and region elections (Upper House):

- Lite
- LitePP (Lite PollingPlace)
- Verbose.

Each file type is designed to meet different reporting and integration requirements. This allows stakeholders to choose the file type that best suits their technical requirements and reporting needs.

The file types differ in:

- the level of election results detail provided
- whether voting location results are included
- whether supporting reference information is included within the results file or provided through separate set-up files.

At a high level:

- the **Lite** file provides aggregated results only and relies on the set-up files for reference information
- the **LitePP** file provides results at voting location level and relies on the set-up files for reference information
- the **Verbose** file provides the most detailed results data and includes the supporting reference information required to interpret the results.

File summary

File type	Voting location results	Requires set-up files	Level of detail	Description
Lite	No	Yes	Low	The Lite file provides simplified aggregated election results. This file is intended for organisations seeking a lightweight feed suitable for websites, dashboards, and live reporting. Candidate and group information is linked via the set-up files.
LitePP	Yes	Yes	Medium	The LitePP file provides results at voting location level in a simplified format, while maintaining a smaller file size and simpler structure than the Verbose file. Candidate, group and voting location information is linked via the set-up files.
Verbose	Yes	No	High	The Verbose file provides the most comprehensive election results dataset and contains all information required to interpret the results, including candidate, affiliation, group and voting location details.

What is included in the results files

Results data published through the results files is progressive and will change as additional votes are counted.

Depending on the electorate and stage of counting, the feed may contain:

- primary first preference results (Lower House and Upper House)
- two-candidate preferred (2CP) results (Lower House only)
- recheck results – revised first preference results following the rechecking process (Lower House and Upper House)
- recount results – updated first preference results following a recount (Lower House only)
- declaration information – indicates if a district or region has been declared.

Consumers should not assume that election night results represent the final outcome of a contest, or that no further votes will be added to a declared electorate. It can take up to 3 weeks to determine the final results for Victorian State elections. Declarations may occur while counting is still underway in a district election where it has been determined that no outstanding votes could change the result.

What is not included in the results files

The feed does not include:

- preference distribution data
- historical election results
- swing or comparative election analysis
- two-party-preferred (2PP) results
- declaration date
- Upper House recount data.

In the event of a district recount, results by voting locations and candidate totals by vote type (postal, early, absent etc) will not be included as only the total votes by candidate will be populated.

How are the results files packaged

All results files are provided as ZIP archives. Each ZIP file represents a complete snapshot of available election data at a specific point in time.

ZIP files are named using a date and time convention (YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS), allowing consumers to identify the most recent update by selecting the latest file.

Files are listed in ascending date and time order. To detect new data, consumers should list all files within the directory and select the most recent file available.

File naming convention

The results files are named using a standard convention that identifies the election event, file type, lower or upper house data, feed version and publication timestamp:

<ElectionName> <FileType> <HouseType> <Version> _YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS.zip

State general election example: State2026mediafileliteppuhv2_20260706_170045.zip

State by-election example: NepeanBy2026mediafilelitepplhv2_20260706_171428.zip

Naming Component	Description	New for State Election 2026?
Election Identifier	Compact Election name, for example State2026 or NepeanBy2026	No change
mediafile	Identifies the file as a media feed file	No change
lite / litepp / verbose	Results file type	No change
lh / uh	Lower House or Upper House	No change
v2	Feed/schema version	Yes

Naming Component	Description	New for State Election 2026?
YYYYMMDD	Publication date	No change
HHMMSS	Publication time	No change

Note: The publication timestamp forms part of the file name and is the primary mechanism for identifying newer versions of a results file.

Results messages overview

The results files are made up of six main result messages used to publish election results:

- EventIdentifier
- Election
- Contests
- FirstPreferences
- TwoCandidatePreferred (2CP) – *Lower House only*
- PollingPlaces

Each message contains a hierarchy of elements, including nested result structures that provide candidate, group and vote information.

Depending on the election type (Lower House or Upper House) and the file type (Lite, LitePP or Verbose), each file contains some or all of these result messages and their associated nested structures.

The following structures may be nested within the main result messages:

- Candidate – *Lower House only*
- Group – *Upper House only*
- UngroupedCandidate – *Upper House only*
- Formal
- Informal
- Total
- PollingPlaceIdentifier
- PollingPlace FirstPreferences
- PollingPlace TwoCandidatePreferred – *Lower House only*

The VotesByType structure is nested within several of these result structures and provides a breakdown of aggregate vote totals by vote type.

The table below shows which main result messages and nested result structures are included in each results file, presented in the order in which they appear within the XML schema.

Main Message	Result Structure (XML Order)	Lite LH	Lite PP LH	Verbose LH	Lite UH	Lite PP UH	Verbose UH
Event Identifier	EventIdentifier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Election	Election	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Contests	Contest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
First Preferences	FirstPreferences	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Candidate	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Votes	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X

Main Message	Result Structure (XML Order)	Lite LH	Lite PP LH	Verbose LH	Lite UH	Lite PP UH	Verbose UH
	VotesByType	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Group	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	TicketVotes	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	Votes	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	GroupVotes	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	Votes	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	VotesByType	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	UngroupedCandidate	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	Votes	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	VotesByType	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	Formal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Votes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	VotesByType	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Informal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Votes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	VotesByType	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Total	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Votes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	VotesByType	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Two Candidate Preferred (2CP)	TwoCandidatePreferred	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Candidate	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Votes	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	VotesByType	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
Polling Places	PollingPlaceIdentifier *	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓*
	PollingPlace FirstPreferences	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Candidate	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Votes	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Group	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
	TicketVotes	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
	Votes	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
	GroupVotes	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
	Votes	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
	UngroupedCandidate	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
	Votes	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
	Formal	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
	Votes	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
	Informal	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
	Votes	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
	Total	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
	Votes	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
	PollingPlace TwoCandidate Preferred	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X

Main Message	Result Structure (XML Order)	Lite LH	Lite PP LH	Verbose LH	Lite UH	Lite PP UH	Verbose UH
	Candidate	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Votes	X	✓	✓	X	X	X

* Polling Place Name and Classification attributes appear in Verbose Lower House and Upper House files only.

Main results messages

This section summarises the information that is included in each of the six main result messages.

EventIdentifier

The **EventIdentifier** message appears in all results files and identifies the event being reported in the files.

The **eml:EventIdentifier** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
eml:EventIdentifier Id	Unique identifier for the election event
eml:EventName	Name of the election event

The Event Identifier message remains consistent across files for the same election event.

Election

The **Election** message appears in ell results files and identifies the election being reported in the files and provides the election name and category.

The **eml:ElectionIdentifier** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
eml:ElectionIdentifier Id	Unique identifier for the election type. 'L' for Lower House files and 'U' for Upper House files
eml:ElectionName	Name of the Lower House or Upper House election
eml:ElectionCategory	Election category associated with the election: LowerHouse or UpperHouse

The Election Identifier message remains consistent across files for the same election event and category.

Contests

The **Contests** message appears in all results files and identifies the district, for Lower House elections, or region, for Upper House elections, for which results are being reported.

The **Contests** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
Contest Updated	Timestamp of the most recent update to results within the contest
eml:ContestIdentifier Id	Unique identifier for the contest
eml:ContestName	Name of the district or region electorate
PollingDistrictIdentifier Id	Unique identifier for the district or region

Element / Attribute	Description
Name	Name of the district or region
Declared	Indicates whether the contest has been declared
NumberOfPositions	Number of vacancies to be filled in the contest
Enrolment	Number of enrolled electors

The Upper House files also includes a Quota element.

The Contests message remains consistent across files for the same election event and category.

FirstPreferences

The First Preferences message appears in all results files and provides first preference results at contest level for candidates, groups and ungrouped candidates, depending on the election type being reported in the file (Lower House or Upper House).

The **FirstPreferences** element contains:

Attribute	Description
PollingPlacesReturned	The number of polling places with returned results, including election day voting centres, early voting centres and amalgamated mobile voting results for each district
PollingPlacesExpected	The total number of polling places expected to report results, including election day voting centres, early voting centres and amalgamated mobile voting results for each district
Updated	The timestamp of the most recent update to the First Preference results

The First Preferences message also contains the following nested structures that report vote totals within the contest at various levels:

- [Candidate](#) – *Lower House files only*
- [Group](#) – *Upper House files only*
- [UngroupedCandidate](#) – *Upper House files only*
- [Formal](#)
- [Informal](#)
- [Total](#)

The [VotesByType](#) structure is also nested within the Candidate, GroupVotes, UngroupedCandidate, Formal, Informal and Total structures.

Notes:

- First Preference totals reported in each nested structure reflect the most recent completed count (primary or recheck) available for each voting location or vote type parcel within the contest. During periods where different parcels are at different stages of counting, First Preference totals will represent a combination of count stages until counting is aligned across all vote types.

- For district recount results, First Preference totals are published at contest level only. Polling place results and VotesByType breakdowns are not included.
- For Lower House files, the FirstPreferences element reports Candidate totals and then the Formal, Informal and Total vote totals, with each total also reported by vote type.
- For Upper House files, the FirstPreferences element reports Group totals (including GroupIdentifier, TicketVotes and GroupVotes) followed by UngroupedCandidate totals, and then the Formal, Informal and Total vote totals, with each total also reported by vote type.
- For Upper House results, recheck data published in the files is sourced from the computerised recheck process.

TwoCandidatePreferred (2CP)

The Two Candidate Preferred (2CP) message appears in the Lower House files only and provides the vote totals at contest level for the two candidates selected for the 2CP count in a Lower House election. Vote totals are also reported by vote type.

The **TwoCandidatePreferred** element contains:

Attribute	Description
PollingPlacesReturned	The number of polling places with returned 2CP results, including election day voting centres, early voting centres and amalgamated mobile voting results for each district
PollingPlacesExpected	The total number of polling places expected to report 2CP results, including election day voting centres, early voting centres and amalgamated mobile voting results for each district
Updated	The timestamp of the most recent update to the 2CP results
Maverick (<i>optional attribute</i>)	Indicates that contest-level 2CP candidate and vote data is being withheld from publication. The attribute is included only when its value is true.

The Two Candidate Preferred message contains the following nested structure:

- [Candidate](#)

The [VotesByType](#) structure is nested within each contest-level Candidate structure.

Notes:

- The TwoCandidatePreferred message always contains exactly two Candidate elements (pair selected for the 2CP count, ordered by ballot position). Each Candidate uses the same structure as in FirstPreferences (eml:CandidateIdentifier, BallotPosition, Votes, VotesByType).
- 2CP totals reflect the most recent completed count (primary 2CP or recheck 2CP) available for each voting location / vote type parcel within the contest. During periods where different vote parcels are at different stages of counting, 2CP totals will represent a combination of count stages until counting is aligned across all vote types.

- In the Lower House Verbose file, 2CP candidates additionally include the candidate name (eml:CandidateName). In the Lite and LitePP Lower House files, candidates are identified using eml:CandidateIdentifier only.
- The TwoCandidatePreferred element is only included once a 2CP result has been entered in the contest and candidate results are available for the district.
- Where the candidate pairing changes between the primary 2CP count and the recheck 2CP count, only the recheck 2CP results are published to ensure a consistent candidate pairing.
- In some circumstances, 2CP results may be withheld. This includes when the 2CP candidates are not expected to be the 2 candidates with the highest number of votes following a full distribution of preferences, or when it is not clear who the final 2 candidates will be.
- When 2CP results are withheld, the affected electorate is identified by the presence of the Maverick="true" attribute and 2CP result data is not included in the feed. The Maverick attribute is only included when 2CP results are being withheld from publication. If the attribute is not present, 2CP results are available for publication.
- The Maverick attribute will be used if a 3CP is being conducted in the electorate. 3CP data does not appear in the feed.
- Withholding 2CP results via the Maverick attribute does not affect the contest-level FirstPreferences results.

Refer to the [Two Candidate Preferred \(2CP\) publication](#) notes in the [Frequently asked questions](#) section of this guide for further information.

PollingPlaces

The PollingPlace message appears in all results files and provides data at an individual polling place level within a contest.

The **PollingPlace** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
Updated	Timestamp of the most recent update to the polling place results

Polling place results re-use many of the elements described in the contest-level FirstPreferences structure but contain a reduced subset of information at polling place level. They report candidate, group or ungrouped vote totals, as well as Formal, Informal and Total votes totals, and do not include VotesByType. Other information, including BallotPosition, Elected, candidate names and group names, varies by element and file type. The differences are outlined below.

The Polling Places message contains the following nested structures:

- [PollingPlaceIdentifier](#)

- [PollingPlace FirstPreferences](#)
 - [Candidate](#) – *Lower House files only*
 - Contains eml:CandidateIdentifier and Votes. Does not include VotesByType, BallotPosition, Elected, Independent or affiliation information
 - [Group](#) – *Upper House files only*
 - Contains GroupIdentifier, TicketVotes and GroupVotes. Does not include VotesByType. GroupName is included in Verbose Upper House file only
 - [UngroupedCandidate](#) – *Upper House files only*
 - Contains eml:CandidateIdentifier and Votes. In Verbose Upper House file, it also includes eml:CandidateName and BallotPosition. It does not include VotesByType or Elected
 - [Formal](#)
 - Contains the aggregate Votes only. Does not include VotesByType
 - [Informal](#)
 - Contains the aggregate Votes only. Does not include VotesByType
 - [Total](#)
 - Contains the aggregate Votes only. Does not include VotesByType
- [PollingPlace TwoCandidatePreferred](#) – *Lower House files only*
 - [Candidate](#)
 - Contains eml:CandidateIdentifier and Votes. Does not include VotesByType, BallotPosition, Elected, Independent or affiliation information

Notes:

- A polling place may represent a voting centre, early voting centre or mobile voting service for the electorate. Each polling place is uniquely identified by a polling place identifier.
- Polling places are ordered by classification: election day voting centres first, then early voting centres (EVC), then mobile voting (MEVC).
- In the Verbose files, polling places additionally include a name and classification.
- Polling Place results reflect the most recent completed count available for the polling place (primary or recheck). During periods when polling places are at different stages of counting, polling place totals will represent a combination of count stages until all polling places have progressed through the same stage of counting.
- The PollingPlace element includes an Updated timestamp. The nested FirstPreferences and TwoCandidatePreferred elements include their own Updated timestamps, which may differ where counts were completed at different times.

- An empty Updated attribute (e.g. <TwoCandidatePreferred Updated=""/>) indicates that no completed count of that kind is yet available for the polling place.
- For Upper House results, recheck data published in the files is sourced from the computerised recheck process.

Polling Place content by file:

File	Polling place content
Lite	The FirstPreferences element and, for Lower House, TwoCandidatePreferred element contain update information only and do not contain results data
LitePP	The LitePP files include polling place vote totals. Polling place names and classifications are not included
Verbose	The Verbose files include the same polling place vote totals as LitePP, together with the name and classification. Candidate names are not included in Verbose Lower House pollingplace message. Verbose Upper House includes group names and ungrouped candidate names.

Nested result structures

This section summarises the information that is included in each of the nested results structures. These structures appear in three of the main results messages: FirstPreferences, Two-CandidatePreferred and PollingPlace.

Candidate

The **Candidate** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
eml:CandidateIdentifier Id	Identifies the candidate via its Id attribute
BallotPosition	The candidate's position on the ballot paper (<i>contest level only</i>)
Votes	The candidate's total votes for the applicable result type, either First Preference or 2CP
VotesByType	Breakdown of the candidate's first preference votes by vote type (<i>contest level only</i>)

The totals reported will either be totals at contest or polling place level, depending on the results message type. Candidate results are reported in Lower House files only.

In the Lower House Verbose file, the Candidate element within the contest-level FirstPreference message additionally includes:

- an Independent="yes/no" attribute
- candidate name (eml:CandidateName)
- party affiliation when candidate is not independent (Affiliation with eml:AffiliationIdentifier / eml:RegisteredName)
- Elected status element.

In the Lower House Verbose file, the Candidate element within the contest-level TwoCandidatePreferred message additionally include the candidate name (eml:CandidateName).

Group

The **Group** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
GroupIdentifier Id	Identifies the group via its Id attribute
GroupName*	The group name as it appears on the ballot paper
TicketVotes	Contains the group's above-the-line (ATL) vote total
Votes	The total number of above-the-line votes received by the group

Element / Attribute	Description
GroupVotes	Contains the group's total first preference votes
Votes	The total first preference votes attributed to the group, including both above-the-line (ATL) and below-the-line (BTL) votes
VotesByType	Breakdown of the group's first preference votes by vote type (<i>contest level only</i>)

*Group name is only present at polling place level within the Upper House Verbose file.

The totals reported will either be totals at contest or polling place level, depending on the results message type. Group results are reported in Upper House files only.

UngroupedCandidate

The **UngroupedCandidate** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
eml:CandidateIdentifier Id	Identifies the candidate via its Id attribute
eml:CandidateName*	The candidate's name
Elected	Indicates whether the candidate has been elected (<i>contest level only</i>)
BallotPosition*	The candidate's position on the ballot paper
Votes	The candidate's total first preference votes
VotesByType	Breakdown of the candidate's first preference votes by vote type (<i>contest level only</i>)

*Candidate name and ballot position are only present at polling place level within the Upper House Verbose file.

The totals reported will either be totals at contest or polling place level, depending on the results message type. Ungrouped candidate results are reported in Upper House files only.

Formal

The **Formal** element contains:

Element	Description
Votes	The total number of formal votes
VotesByType	Breakdown of the formal votes by vote type (<i>contest level only</i>)

The totals reported will either be totals at contest or polling place level, depending on the results message type.

Informal

The **Informal** element contains:

Element	Description
Votes	The total number of informal votes
VotesByType	Breakdown of the informal votes by vote type (<i>contest level only</i>)

The totals reported will either be totals at contest or polling place level, depending on the results message type.

Total

The **Total** element contains:

Element	Description
Votes	The total number of votes
VotesByType	Breakdown of the total votes by vote type (<i>contest level only</i>)

The totals reported will either be totals at contest or polling place level, depending on the results message type.

VotesByType

The **VotesByType** element provides a breakdown of the votes being reported by vote type and is nested within several of these result structures. It enables consumers to see not only the aggregate vote total, but also how those votes were received. Each **Votes** element contains a vote count and a **Type** attribute that identifies the vote type.

The **VotesByType** element contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
Votes	Vote total for a specific vote type
Type	Identifies the vote type being reported. Refer to the Vote Types table below for a description of each vote type

Vote Types

Vote Type	Description
Ordinary	Votes cast at an ordinary polling place (election day voting centre) within the elector's enrolled district
EVCEarly	Votes cast at an early voting centre before election day within the elector's enrolled district
MobileVotingEarly	Votes cast at mobile voting venues before election day within the elector's enrolled district

Vote Type	Description
Postal	Valid postal votes received and admitted to the count
Early	Other early votes cast in voting locations outside of the elector's enrolled district (not classified as EVCEarly)
MarkedAsVoted	Declaration votes cast by electors who have already been marked as having voted but declare that they have not yet voted in the election
Provisional	Declaration votes cast by electors who claim they are eligible to vote but they are not enrolled. Eligible provisional votes will be admitted to the count following verification
Absent	Votes cast on election day at a voting location outside the elector's enrolled district and subsequently admitted to the count

PollingPlaceIdentifier

The **PollingPlaceIdentifier** element nested within the PollingPlace message contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
PollingPlaceIdentifier	Unique identifier for the polling place
Name*	Name of the polling place
Classification*	Polling place classification (VotingCentre, EarlyVotingCentre or MobileVoting)

*Polling place names and classifications are available in the Verbose files only.

PollingPlace FirstPreferences

The **FirstPreferences** element nested within the PollingPlace message contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
Updated	The timestamp of the most recent update to the First Preference results for the polling place

Notes:

- Unlike the contest-level FirstPreferences element, the polling place level FirstPreferences element does not include the PollingPlacesReturned or PollingPlacesExpected attributes. It includes the Updated attribute only.
- In Lite files, the polling place-level FirstPreferences element contains update information only and does not contain vote results. In the LitePP and Verbose files, the element also contains the applicable polling place results.

PollingPlace TwoCandidatePreferred

The TwoCandidatePreferred element nested within the PollingPlace message contains:

Element / Attribute	Description
Updated	The timestamp of the most recent update to 2CP results for the polling place
Maverick (<i>optional attribute</i>)*	Indicates that polling place-level 2CP candidate and vote data is being withheld from publication. The attribute is included only when its value is true.

*Maverick attribute is not included within the polling place TwoCandidatePreferred element in the Lite Lower House file given no 2CP candidates or votes are reported at this level in the file.

Notes:

- Polling place-level TwoCandidatePreferred is included in Lower House files only. It does not include the PollingPlacesReturned or PollingPlacesExpected attributes used by the contest-level structure.
- In Lite Lower House file, the polling place-level TwoCandidatePreferred element contains update information only and does not contain candidate vote results. Detailed polling place 2CP results are included in LitePP and Verbose Lower House files where available.
- When 2CP results are withheld for a district, Maverick="true" is included on the polling place-level TwoCandidatePreferred element for each polling place in that district. The element retains its Updated attribute, but does not include any Candidate child elements, candidate identifiers or vote totals.
- The Maverick attribute is not included when its value is false. Consumers should not expect to see Maverick="false" in the feed. If the attribute is absent, polling place 2CP results are available for publication and are included where results exist.
- Withholding polling place-level 2CP results does not affect polling place-level FirstPreferences results.
- An empty Updated attribute (e.g. <TwoCandidatePreferred Updated=""/>) indicates that no completed count of that kind is yet available for the polling place.

Set-up file schemas

Polling Locations

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
Media File Polling Locations - Annotated Structure Example
All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
PollingPlaceIdentifier/@Classification values:
    VotingCentre | EarlyVotingCentre | MobileVoting
WheelchairAccess values: None | Assisted | Full
Address child elements may be empty.
-->
<PollingDistrictList
    xmlns="http://www.aec.gov.au/xml/schema/mediafeed"
    xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
    xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
    xmlns:xal="urn:oasis:names:tc:ciq:xsd:schema:xAL:2.0"
    xmlns:xnl="urn:oasis:names:tc:ciq:xsd:schema:xNL:2.0"
    xmlns:ts="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml:ts"
    xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    Created="">

    <TransactionId></TransactionId>

    <!-- =====
        Event
    ===== -->
    <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
        <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
    </eml:EventIdentifier>

    <!-- =====
        PollingDistrict (1..n) sorted by district name
    ===== -->
    <PollingDistrict>

        <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="">
            <Name></Name>
        </PollingDistrictIdentifier>

        <PollingPlaces>

            <!-- =====
                PollingPlace (1..n)
            ===== -->
            <PollingPlace>

                <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification="" />

                <WheelchairAccess></WheelchairAccess>

                <Address>
                    <AddressLongitude></AddressLongitude>
                    <AddressLatitude></AddressLatitude>
                    <AddressLine1></AddressLine1>
                    <AddressLine2></AddressLine2>
                    <Suburb></Suburb>
                    <Postcode></Postcode>
                </Address>

            </PollingPlace>

        </PollingPlaces>
    </PollingDistrict>
</PollingDistrictList>
```

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</PollingPlaces>  
</PollingDistrict>  
</PollingDistrictList>
```

Candidates

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
Media File Candidates – Annotated Structure Example
All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
Contains the candidate pre-load for both Lower House (Id="L")
and Upper House (Id="U") elections.
Affiliation is only present when Candidate/@Independent = "no".
-->
<EML
  xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
  xmlns:xal="urn:oasis:names:tc:ciq:xsdschema:xAL:2.0"
  xmlns:xnl="urn:oasis:names:tc:ciq:xsdschema:xNL:2.0"
  xmlns:ts="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml:ts"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">

  <TransactionId></TransactionId>

  <CandidateList>

    <!-- =====
          Event
          ===== -->
    <EventIdentifier Id="">
      <EventName></EventName>
    </EventIdentifier>

    <!-- =====
          Election (2: Lower House Id="L", Upper House Id="U")
          ===== -->
    <Election>
      <ElectionIdentifier Id="">
        <ElectionName></ElectionName>
        <ElectionCategory></ElectionCategory>
      </ElectionIdentifier>

      <!-- =====
            Contest (1..n) sorted by contest name
            ===== -->
      <Contest>

        <ContestIdentifier Id="">
          <ContestName></ContestName>
        </ContestIdentifier>

        <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="" />

        <Enrolment></Enrolment>

        <!-- .....
              Candidate (1..n) sorted by BallotPosition
              ..... -->
        <Candidate Independent="">
          <CandidateIdentifier Id="">
            <CandidateName></CandidateName>
          </CandidateIdentifier>
          <Elected Historic="" />
          <!-- Affiliation: only present when Independent="no" -->
          <Affiliation>
            <AffiliationIdentifier Id="">
              <RegisteredName></RegisteredName>
            </AffiliationIdentifier>
          </Affiliation>
        </Candidate>
      </Contest>
    </Election>
  </CandidateList>
</EML>
```

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    <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
  </Candidate>
</Contest>
</Election>
</CandidateList>
</EML>
```

Groups And Tickets

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
  Media File Groups - Annotated Structure Example
  All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
  Contains Upper House (Id="U") group and candidate pre-load data.
  AffiliationIdentifier is always present but @Id and RegisteredName
  may be empty (e.g. ungrouped / no registered party).
-->
<SenateGroups
  xmlns="http://www.aec.gov.au/xml/schema/mediafeed"
  xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
  xmlns:xal="urn:oasis:names:tc:ciq:xsdschema:xAL:2.0"
  xmlns:xnl="urn:oasis:names:tc:ciq:xsdschema:xNL:2.0"
  xmlns:ts="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml:ts"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  Created=""
  Id="">

  <!-- =====
        Event
    ===== -->
  <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
  </eml:EventIdentifier>

  <!-- =====
        Election (Upper House)
    ===== -->
  <Election>
    <eml:ElectionIdentifier Id="">
      <ElectionName></ElectionName>
      <ElectionCategory></ElectionCategory>
    </eml:ElectionIdentifier>

    <Contests>

      <!-- =====
            Contest (1..n) sorted by contest name
        ===== -->
      <Contest>

        <eml:ContestIdentifier Id="">
          <eml:ContestName></eml:ContestName>
        </eml:ContestIdentifier>

        <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="" />

        <!-- .....
              Group (1..n) sorted by ballot position
            ..... -->
        <Group>

          <GroupIdentifier Id="">
            <Ticket></Ticket>
            <GroupName></GroupName>
          </GroupIdentifier>

          <!-- Candidate (1..n) sorted by BallotPosition -->
          <Candidate>
            <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="">
              <eml:CandidateName></eml:CandidateName>
            </eml:CandidateIdentifier>
          </Candidate>
        </Group>
      </Contest>
    </Contests>
  </Election>
</SenateGroups>
```

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empty -->
    <!-- AffiliationIdentifier: @Id and RegisteredName may be
    <eml:AffiliationIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:RegisteredName></eml:RegisteredName>
    </eml:AffiliationIdentifier>
    <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
    </Candidate>
    </Group>
    </Contest>
    </Contests>
    </Election>
</SenateGroups>
```

Results file schemas

Lite Lower House

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
  Lite Lower House - Annotated Structure Example
  All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
  Key difference from LitePP: PollingPlace FirstPreferences and
  TwoCandidatePreferred contain update information only. No polling place vote data is
  included in the Lite feed.
  VotesByType and PollingPlaces sections are optional and not present for Recount.
-->
<MediaFeed
  xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  Verbose=""
  Id=""
  Created=""
  Phase="">

  <!-- =====
    Event
    ===== -->
  <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
  </eml:EventIdentifier>

  <!-- =====
    Election
    ===== -->
  <Election>
    <eml:ElectionIdentifier Id="">
      <eml:ElectionName></eml:ElectionName>
      <eml:ElectionCategory></eml:ElectionCategory>
    </eml:ElectionIdentifier>
    <House>
      <Contests>

        <!-- =====
          Contest (1..n)
          ===== -->
        <Contest Updated="">

          <eml:ContestIdentifier Id="">
            <eml:ContestName></eml:ContestName>
          </eml:ContestIdentifier>

          <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="">
            <Name></Name>
          </PollingDistrictIdentifier>

          <Declared></Declared>
          <NumberOfPositions></NumberOfPositions>
          <Enrolment></Enrolment>

          <!-- .....
            Contest - First Preferences
            ..... -->
          <FirstPreferences
            PollingPlacesReturned=""
            PollingPlacesExpected=""
            Updated="">
```

```

<!-- Candidate (1..n) sorted by BallotPosition -->
<Candidate>
  <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="" />
  <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
  <VotesByType>
    <!-- Votes (1..n) -->
    <Votes Type=""></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Candidate>

<Formal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type=""></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Formal>

<Informal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type=""></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Informal>

<Total>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type=""></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Total>

</FirstPreferences>

<!-- .....
      Contest - Two Candidate Preferred (optional)
      ..... -->
<TwoCandidatePreferred
  PollingPlacesReturned=""
  PollingPlacesExpected=""
  Updated=""
  Maverick="true" <!-- Maverick: only present/"true"
when 2CP results are masked -->

  <!-- Candidate (1..2) -->
  <Candidate>
    <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="" />
    <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
      <!-- Votes (1..n) -->
      <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </Candidate>

</TwoCandidatePreferred>

<!-- .....
      Polling Places (optional, not present for Recount)

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..... -->
<PollingPlaces>
  <!-- PollingPlace (1..n) -->
  <PollingPlace Updated="">
    <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id=""/>
    <!-- Polling Place - First Preferences and Two Candidate
Preferred: updated information only, no candidate data -->
    <FirstPreferences Updated="">
      <TwoCandidatePreferred Updated="">
    </PollingPlace>
  </PollingPlaces>
</Contest>
</Contests>
</House>
</Election>
</MediaFeed>

```

LitePP Lower House

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
  LitePP Lower House - Annotated Structure Example
  All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
  VotesByType and PollingPlaces sections are optional and not present for Recount.
-->
<MediaFeed
  xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  Verbose=""
  Id=""
  Created=""
  Phase="">

  <!-- =====
    Event
  ===== -->
  <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
  </eml:EventIdentifier>

  <!-- =====
    Election
  ===== -->
  <Election>
    <eml:ElectionIdentifier Id="">
      <eml:ElectionName></eml:ElectionName>
      <eml:ElectionCategory></eml:ElectionCategory>
    </eml:ElectionIdentifier>
    <House>
      <Contests>

        <!-- =====
          Contest (1..n)
        ===== -->
        <Contest Updated="">

          <eml:ContestIdentifier Id="">
            <eml:ContestName></eml:ContestName>
          </eml:ContestIdentifier>

          <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="">
            <Name></Name>
          </PollingDistrictIdentifier>

          <Declared></Declared>
          <NumberOfPositions></NumberOfPositions>
          <Enrolment></Enrolment>

          <!-- .....
            Contest - First Preferences
          ..... -->
          <FirstPreferences
            PollingPlacesReturned=""
            PollingPlacesExpected=""
            Updated="">

            <!-- Candidate (1..n) sorted by BallotPosition -->
            <Candidate>
              <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id=""/>
              <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
              <Votes></Votes>
              <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
              <VotesByType>
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        <!-- Votes (1..n) -->
        <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Candidate>

<Formal>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
        <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Formal>

<Informal>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
        <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Informal>

<Total>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
        <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Total>

</FirstPreferences>

<!-- .....
        Contest - Two Candidate Preferred (optional)
        ..... -->
<TwoCandidatePreferred
    PollingPlacesReturned=""
    PollingPlacesExpected=""
    Updated=""
    Maverick="true" <!-- Maverick: only present/"true"
when 2CP results are masked -->

    <!-- Candidate (1..2) -->
    <Candidate>
        <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id=""/>
        <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
        <Votes></Votes>
        <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
        <VotesByType>
            <Votes Type=""></Votes>
        </VotesByType>
    </Candidate>

</TwoCandidatePreferred>

<!-- .....
        Polling Places (optional, not present for Recount)
        ..... -->
<PollingPlaces>

    <!-- PollingPlace (1..n) -->
    <PollingPlace Updated="">

        <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id=""/>

```

```

<!-- Polling Place - First Preferences -->
<FirstPreferences Updated="">

    <!-- Candidate (1..n) -->
    <Candidate>
        <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id=""/>
        <Votes></Votes>
    </Candidate>

    <Formal>
        <Votes></Votes>
    </Formal>

    <Informal>
        <Votes></Votes>
    </Informal>

    <Total>
        <Votes></Votes>
    </Total>

</FirstPreferences>

<!-- Polling Place - Two Candidate Preferred -->
<TwoCandidatePreferred Updated=""
Maverick="true"> <!-- Maverick: only present/"true"
when 2CP results are masked -->

    <!-- Candidate (1..2) -->
    <Candidate>
        <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id=""/>
        <Votes></Votes>
    </Candidate>

</TwoCandidatePreferred>

</PollingPlace>

</PollingPlaces>

</Contest>

</Contests>
</House>
</Election>

</MediaFeed>

```

Verbose Lower House

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
  Verbose Lower House - Annotated Structure Example
  All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
  VotesByType and PollingPlaces sections are optional and not present for Recount.
-->
<MediaFeed
  xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  Verbose=""
  Id=""
  Created=""
  Phase="">

  <!-- =====
    Event
    ===== -->
  <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
  </eml:EventIdentifier>

  <!-- =====
    Election
    ===== -->
  <Election>
    <eml:ElectionIdentifier Id="">
      <eml:ElectionName></eml:ElectionName>
      <eml:ElectionCategory></eml:ElectionCategory>
    </eml:ElectionIdentifier>
    <House>
      <Contests>

        <!-- =====
          Contest (1..n)
          ===== -->
        <Contest Updated="">

          <eml:ContestIdentifier Id="">
            <eml:ContestName></eml:ContestName>
          </eml:ContestIdentifier>

          <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="">
            <Name></Name>
          </PollingDistrictIdentifier>

          <Declared></Declared>
          <NumberOfPositions></NumberOfPositions>
          <Enrolment></Enrolment>

          <!-- .....
            Contest - First Preferences
            ..... -->
          <FirstPreferences
            PollingPlacesReturned=""
            PollingPlacesExpected=""
            Updated="">

            <!-- Candidate (1..n) sorted by BallotPosition -->
            <!-- @Affiliation is only present when candidate is not
independent -->
            <Candidate Independent="">
              <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="">
                <eml:CandidateName></eml:CandidateName>
              </eml:CandidateIdentifier>
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```

    <Affiliation>
      <eml:AffiliationIdentifier Id="">
        <eml:RegisteredName></eml:RegisteredName>
      </eml:AffiliationIdentifier>
    </Affiliation>
    <Elected></Elected>
    <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
      <!-- Votes (1..n) -->
      <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </Candidate>

  <Formal>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
      <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </Formal>

  <Informal>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
      <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </Informal>

  <Total>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
      <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </Total>

</FirstPreferences>

<!-- .....
      Contest - Two Candidate Preferred (optional)
      ..... -->
<TwoCandidatePreferred
  PollingPlacesReturned=""
  PollingPlacesExpected=""
  Updated=""
  Maverick="true" <!-- Maverick: only present/"true"
when 2CP results are masked -->

  <!-- Candidate (1..2) -->
  <Candidate>
    <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="">
      <eml:CandidateName></eml:CandidateName>
    </eml:CandidateIdentifier>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <!-- VotesByType: optional, not present for Recount -->
    <VotesByType>
      <!-- Votes (1..n) -->
      <Votes Type=""></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </Candidate>

</TwoCandidatePreferred>

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<!-- .....
      Polling Places (optional, not present for Recount)
      ..... -->
<PollingPlaces>

  <!-- PollingPlace (1..n) -->
  <PollingPlace Updated="">

    <PollingPlaceIdentifier
      Id=""
      Name=""
      Classification=""/>

    <!-- Polling Place - First Preferences -->
    <FirstPreferences Updated="">

      <!-- Candidate (1..n) -->
      <Candidate>
        <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id=""/>
        <Votes></Votes>
      </Candidate>

      <Formal>
        <Votes></Votes>
      </Formal>

      <Informal>
        <Votes></Votes>
      </Informal>

      <Total>
        <Votes></Votes>
      </Total>

    </FirstPreferences>

    <!-- Polling Place - Two Candidate Preferred -->
    <TwoCandidatePreferred Updated=""
Maverick="true">      <!-- Maverick: only present/"true"
when 2CP results are masked -->

      <!-- Candidate (1..2) -->
      <Candidate>
        <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id=""/>
        <Votes></Votes>
      </Candidate>

    </TwoCandidatePreferred>

  </PollingPlace>
</PollingPlaces>

</Contest>

  </Contests>
</House>
</Election>

</MediaFeed>

```

Lite Upper House

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
  Lite Upper House - Annotated Structure Example
  All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
  Upper House uses <Senate> (not <House>), <Group> and <UngroupedCandidate>
  (not <Candidate>), and <Quota> at contest level. No TwoCandidatePreferred.
  PollingPlace <FirstPreferences> is empty (self-closing) - no group or
  candidate data at polling place level in the Lite feed.
-->
<MediaFeed
  xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  Verbose=""
  Id=""
  Created=""
  Phase="">

  <!-- =====
    Event
    ===== -->
  <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
  </eml:EventIdentifier>

  <!-- =====
    Election
    ===== -->
  <Election>
    <eml:ElectionIdentifier Id="">
      <eml:ElectionName></eml:ElectionName>
      <eml:ElectionCategory></eml:ElectionCategory>
    </eml:ElectionIdentifier>
    <Senate>
      <Contests>

        <!-- =====
          Contest (1..n)
          ===== -->
        <Contest Updated="">

          <eml:ContestIdentifier Id="">
            <eml:ContestName></eml:ContestName>
          </eml:ContestIdentifier>

          <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="">
            <Name></Name>
          </PollingDistrictIdentifier>

          <Declared></Declared>
          <eml:NumberOfPositions></eml:NumberOfPositions>
          <Enrolment></Enrolment>
          <Quota Provisional=""/>

          <!-- .....
            Contest - First Preferences
            ..... -->
          <FirstPreferences
            PollingPlacesReturned=""
            PollingPlacesExpected=""
            Updated="">

            <!-- Group (1..n) sorted by ballot position -->
            <Group>
```

```

<GroupIdentifier Id="">
  <GroupName></GroupName>
</GroupIdentifier>
<TicketVotes>
  <Votes></Votes>
</TicketVotes>
<GroupVotes>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</GroupVotes>
</Group>

<!-- UngroupedCandidate (0..n) sorted by BallotPosition -->
<UngroupedCandidate>
  <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:CandidateName></eml:CandidateName>
  </eml:CandidateIdentifier>
  <Elected></Elected>
  <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</UngroupedCandidate>

<Formal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Formal>

<Informal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Informal>

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        <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
      </VotesByType>
    </Informal>

    <Total>
      <Votes></Votes>
      <VotesByType>
        <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
      </VotesByType>
    </Total>

  </FirstPreferences>

  <!-- .....
        Polling Places
        ..... -->
  <PollingPlaces>

    <!-- PollingPlace (1..n) -->
    <PollingPlace Updated="">
      <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id=""/>
      <!-- FirstPreferences: @Updated only - no group or
ungrouped candidate data in Lite feed -->
      <FirstPreferences Updated=""/>
    </PollingPlace>

  </PollingPlaces>

</Contest>

</Contests>
</Senate>
</Election>

</MediaFeed>

```

LitePP Upper House

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
  LitePP Upper House - Annotated Structure Example
  All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
  Upper House uses <Senate> (not <House>), <Group> and <UngroupedCandidate>
  (not <Candidate>), and <Quota> at contest level. No TwoCandidatePreferred.
  At polling place level: GroupIdentifier carries @Id only (no GroupName);
  eml:CandidateIdentifier carries @Id only (no eml:CandidateName).
  No VotesByType at polling place level.
-->
<MediaFeed
  xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  Verbose=""
  Id=""
  Created=""
  Phase="">

  <!-- =====
    Event
    ===== -->
  <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
  </eml:EventIdentifier>

  <!-- =====
    Election
    ===== -->
  <Election>
    <eml:ElectionIdentifier Id="">
      <eml:ElectionName></eml:ElectionName>
      <eml:ElectionCategory></eml:ElectionCategory>
    </eml:ElectionIdentifier>
    <Senate>
      <Contests>

        <!-- =====
          Contest (1..n)
          ===== -->
        <Contest Updated="">

          <eml:ContestIdentifier Id="">
            <eml:ContestName></eml:ContestName>
          </eml:ContestIdentifier>

          <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="">
            <Name></Name>
          </PollingDistrictIdentifier>

          <Declared></Declared>
          <eml:NumberOfPositions></eml:NumberOfPositions>
          <Enrolment></Enrolment>
          <Quota Provisional=""/>

          <!-- .....
            Contest - First Preferences
            ..... -->
          <FirstPreferences
            PollingPlacesReturned=""
            PollingPlacesExpected=""
            Updated="">

            <!-- Group (1..n) sorted by ballot position -->
```

```

<Group>
  <GroupIdentifier Id="">
    <GroupName></GroupName>
  </GroupIdentifier>
  <TicketVotes>
    <Votes></Votes>
  </TicketVotes>
  <GroupVotes>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <VotesByType>
      <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </GroupVotes>
</Group>

<!-- UngroupedCandidate (0..n) sorted by BallotPosition -->
<UngroupedCandidate>
  <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:CandidateName></eml:CandidateName>
  </eml:CandidateIdentifier>
  <Elected></Elected>
  <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</UngroupedCandidate>

<Formal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Formal>

<Informal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Informal>

```

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        <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Informal>

<Total>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <VotesByType>
        <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Total>

</FirstPreferences>

<!-- .....
      Polling Places
      ..... -->
<PollingPlaces>

    <!-- PollingPlace (1..n) -->
    <PollingPlace Updated="">

        <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id=""/>

        <!-- Polling Place - First Preferences -->
        <FirstPreferences Updated="">

            <!-- Group (1..n): GroupIdentifier carries @Id only
at polling place level -->
            <Group>
                <GroupIdentifier Id=""/>
                <TicketVotes>
                    <Votes></Votes>
                </TicketVotes>
                <GroupVotes>
                    <Votes></Votes>
                </GroupVotes>
            </Group>

            <!-- UngroupedCandidate (0..n):
eml:CandidateIdentifier carries @Id only at polling place level -->
            <UngroupedCandidate>
                <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id=""/>
                <Votes></Votes>
            </UngroupedCandidate>

            <Formal>
                <Votes></Votes>
            </Formal>

            <Informal>
                <Votes></Votes>
            </Informal>

            <Total>
                <Votes></Votes>
            </Total>

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```

        </FirstPreferences>
      </PollingPlace>
    </PollingPlaces>
  </Contest>
</Contests>
</Senate>
</Election>
</MediaFeed>
```

Verbose Upper House

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!--
  Verbose Upper House - Annotated Structure Example
  All attribute values and element content are intentionally empty.
  Upper House uses <Senate> (not <House>), <Group> and <UngroupedCandidate>
  (not <Candidate>), and <Quota> at contest level. No TwoCandidatePreferred.
  At polling place level: GroupIdentifier carries @Id + GroupName;
  eml:CandidateIdentifier carries @Id + eml:CandidateName + BallotPosition (no
  Elected);
  PollingPlaceIdentifier carries @Id + @Name + @Classification.
  No VotesByType at polling place level.
-->
<MediaFeed
  xmlns:eml="urn:oasis:names:tc:evs:schema:eml"
  Verbose=""
  Id=""
  Created=""
  Phase="">

  <!-- =====
    Event
    ===== -->
  <eml:EventIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:EventName></eml:EventName>
  </eml:EventIdentifier>

  <!-- =====
    Election
    ===== -->
  <Election>
    <eml:ElectionIdentifier Id="">
      <eml:ElectionName></eml:ElectionName>
      <eml:ElectionCategory></eml:ElectionCategory>
    </eml:ElectionIdentifier>
    <Senate>
      <Contests>

        <!-- =====
          Contest (1..n)
          ===== -->
        <Contest Updated="">

          <eml:ContestIdentifier Id="">
            <eml:ContestName></eml:ContestName>
          </eml:ContestIdentifier>

          <PollingDistrictIdentifier Id="">
            <Name></Name>
          </PollingDistrictIdentifier>

          <Declared></Declared>
          <eml:NumberOfPositions></eml:NumberOfPositions>
          <Enrolment></Enrolment>
          <Quota Provisional=""/>

          <!-- .....
            Contest - First Preferences
            ..... -->
          <FirstPreferences
            PollingPlacesReturned=""
            PollingPlacesExpected=""
            Updated="">
```

```

<!-- Group (1..n) sorted by ballot position -->
<Group>
  <GroupIdentifier Id="">
    <GroupName></GroupName>
  </GroupIdentifier>
  <TicketVotes>
    <Votes></Votes>
  </TicketVotes>
  <GroupVotes>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <VotesByType>
      <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
      <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
  </GroupVotes>
</Group>

<!-- UngroupedCandidate (0..n) sorted by BallotPosition -->
<UngroupedCandidate>
  <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="">
    <eml:CandidateName></eml:CandidateName>
  </eml:CandidateIdentifier>
  <Elected></Elected>
  <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</UngroupedCandidate>

<Formal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>
</Formal>

<Informal>
  <Votes></Votes>
  <VotesByType>
    <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
    <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
  </VotesByType>

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        <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Informal>

<Total>
    <Votes></Votes>
    <VotesByType>
        <Votes Type="Ordinary"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="EVCEarly"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Postal"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Early"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Provisional"></Votes>
        <Votes Type="Absent"></Votes>
    </VotesByType>
</Total>

</FirstPreferences>

<!-- .....
        Polling Places
        ..... -->
<PollingPlaces>

    <!-- PollingPlace (1..n) -->
    <PollingPlace Updated="">

        <!-- @Name and @Classification present in Verbose (not in
Lite/LitePP) -->

        <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification=""/>

        <!-- Polling Place - First Preferences -->
        <FirstPreferences Updated="">

            <!-- Group (1..n): GroupIdentifier carries @Id +
GroupName in Verbose -->

            <Group>
                <GroupIdentifier Id="">
                    <GroupName></GroupName>
                </GroupIdentifier>
                <TicketVotes>
                    <Votes></Votes>
                </TicketVotes>
                <GroupVotes>
                    <Votes></Votes>
                </GroupVotes>
            </Group>

            <!-- UngroupedCandidate (0..n): eml:CandidateName +
BallotPosition present; Elected absent at PP level -->
            <UngroupedCandidate>
                <eml:CandidateIdentifier Id="">
                    <eml:CandidateName></eml:CandidateName>
                </eml:CandidateIdentifier>
                <BallotPosition></BallotPosition>
                <Votes></Votes>
            </UngroupedCandidate>

            <Formal>
                <Votes></Votes>
            </Formal>

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<Informal>
  <Votes></Votes>
</Informal>

<Total>
  <Votes></Votes>
</Total>

</FirstPreferences>

</PollingPlace>

</PollingPlaces>

</Contest>

</Contests>
</Senate>
</Election>

</MediaFeed>
```

Structural changes for State Election 2026

This section highlights schema changes introduced for the 2026 State election. Stakeholders who have previously consumed the VEC's results data feed should assess whether updates to their systems are required, including noting the updated file naming conventions.

Change 1: Polling Location XML structure: classification type, address details and coordinates

The polling locations set-up file has been enhanced to standardise how all location types (Voting Centres, Early Voting Centres, and Mobile Early Voting) are represented.

The file now includes a classification type for each location, adding coordinates where applicable, and incorporating consistent, structured address information across all polling place types.

CHANGE	DESCRIPTION	STRUCTURE
1	A location type classification has been introduced for all polling places	<u>Example of Voting Centre</u> <pre><PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="17964" Name="" Classification="VotingCentre"/></pre> <u>Example of Early Voting Centre</u> <pre><PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="Bayswater - EVC 1" Classification="EarlyVotingCentre"/></pre> <u>Example of Mobile Voting</u> <pre><PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="Bayswater - MEVC" Classification="MobileVoting"/></pre>
2	Latitude and Longitude coordinates for Voting Centres & Early Voting Centres Note: For polling places classified as MobileVoting, the latitude and longitude elements are included in the	<u>Example for Voting Centres & Early Voting Centres</u> <pre><Address> <AddressLongitude>144.9573</AddressLongitude> <AddressLatitude>-37.84792</AddressLatitude></pre> <u>Example for Mobile Voting:</u> <pre><AddressLongitude/> <AddressLatitude/></pre>

	XML structure but contain empty values	
3	Advertised address details Note: Mobile Voting location will always display a single address line of "Multiple mobile voting locations".	<u>Example for Voting Centres & Early Voting Centres</u> <pre><AddressLine1>Canterbury Road</AddressLine1> <AddressLine2>(access via underpass opposite Armstrong Street)</AddressLine2> <Suburb>Middle Park</Suburb> <Postcode>3206</Postcode></pre> <u>Example for Mobile Voting:</u> <pre><AddressLine1>Multiple mobile voting locations</AddressLine1></pre>
4	Polling locations set-up file now contains Voting Centres, Early Voting Centres and Mobile Voting	Voting Centre sample <pre><PollingPlace> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18521" Name="Middle Park" Classification="VotingCentre"/> <WheelchairAccess>Assisted</WheelchairAccess> <Address> <AddressLongitude>144.9652</AddressLongitude> <AddressLatitude>-37.84954</AddressLatitude> <AddressLine1>Canterbury Road</AddressLine1> <AddressLine2>(access via underpass opposite Armstrong Street)</AddressLine2> <Suburb>Middle Park</Suburb> <Postcode>3206</Postcode> </Address> </PollingPlace></pre> <pre><PollingPlace> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18521" Name="Middle Park" Classification="VotingCentre"/> <WheelchairAccess>Assisted</WheelchairAccess> <Address> <AddressLongitude>144.9652</AddressLongitude> <AddressLatitude>-37.84954</AddressLatitude> <AddressLine1>Canterbury Road</AddressLine1> <AddressLine2>(access via underpass opposite Armstrong Street)</AddressLine2> <Suburb>Middle Park</Suburb> <Postcode>3206</Postcode> </Address></pre>

</PollingPlace>

Early Voting Centre sample

```

▼<PollingPlace>
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18726" Name="Bass - EVC 1" Classification="EarlyVotingCentre"/>
  <WheelchairAccess>None</WheelchairAccess>
  ▼<Address>
    <AddressLongitude>145.2392</AddressLongitude>
    <AddressLatitude>-38.45957</AddressLatitude>
    <AddressLine1>189 Thompson Ave</AddressLine1>
    <AddressLine2/>
    <Suburb>Cowes</Suburb>
    <Postcode>3922</Postcode>
  </Address>
</PollingPlace>

```

<PollingPlace>

<PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18726" Name="Bass - EVC 1" Classification="EarlyVotingCentre"/>

<WheelchairAccess>None</WheelchairAccess>

<Address>

<AddressLongitude>145.2392</AddressLongitude>

<AddressLatitude>-38.45957</AddressLatitude>

<AddressLine1>189 Thompson Ave</AddressLine1>

<AddressLine2/>

<Suburb>Cowes</Suburb>

<Postcode>3922</Postcode>

</Address>

</PollingPlace>

Note: Mobile Voting location will always display a single address line of "Multiple mobile voting locations".

Mobile Voting

```

▼ <PollingPlace>
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18736" Name="Bass - MEVC" Classification="MobileVoting"/>
  <WheelchairAccess/>
  ▼ <Address>
    <AddressLongitude/>
    <AddressLatitude/>
    <AddressLine1>Multiple mobile voting locations</AddressLine1>
    <AddressLine2/>
    <Suburb/>
    <Postcode/>
  </Address>
</PollingPlace>

```

sample

```

<PollingPlace>
<PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18736" Name="Bass - MEVC" Classification="MobileVoting"/>
<WheelchairAccess/>
<Address>
<AddressLongitude/>
<AddressLatitude/>
<AddressLine1>Multiple mobile voting locations</AddressLine1>
<AddressLine2/>
<Suburb/>
<Postcode/>
</Address>
</PollingPlace>

```

Change 2: Publish latest count type at location/vote type level including early voting centres and mobile voting

The Lower and Upper House results files were updated to move from a single aggregated early vote total to a mixed reporting model. This introduced location-level reporting for Early Voting Centres (EVCs), an aggregated Mobile Early Voting (MEVCs) category for each district, and refined the "Early Vote" type to include only other early votes cast in locations outside of the elector's enrolled district (e.g. telephone

assisted voting, overseas, interstate, and out-of-district votes taken in Victorian-based EVCs and MEVCs that are moved to a centralised location for counting).

All Early Voting Centres and the amalgamated Mobile Voting results will be listed under the existing <PollingPlaces> structure and will display results data in the same way as election day voting centres, including first preference and two candidate preferred results (data showing the latest count type, being primary or recheck), as well being included in the PollingPlacesReturned="" PollingPlacesExpected="" counts using the same update date/time logic.

A schema update also introduced a PollingPlaceClassificationType to distinguish between Voting Centres, Early Voting Centres, and Mobile Voting.

CHANGE	DESCRIPTION	STRUCTURE
1	Introduction of Classification Type	<u>Example of Voting Centre</u> <pre><PollingPlace Updated="2026-05-01T15:39:16+11:00"> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18590" Name="Bimbadeen" Classification="VotingCentre"/> <FirstPreferences Updated="2026-05-01T15:16:22+11:00"> <<PollingPlaces> <<PollingPlace Updated="2026-05-01T15:39:16+11:00"> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18590" Name="Bimbadeen" Classification="VotingCentre"/> <<FirstPreferences Updated="2026-05-01T15:16:22+11:00"></pre> <u>Example of Early Voting Centre</u> <pre><PollingPlace Updated="2026-05-01T15:18:12+11:00"> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18726" Name="Bass - EVC 1" Classification="EarlyVotingCentre"/> <FirstPreferences Updated="2026-05-01T15:18:12+11:00"> <<PollingPlace Updated="2026-05-01T15:18:12+11:00"> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18726" Name="Bass - EVC 1" Classification="EarlyVotingCentre"/> <<FirstPreferences Updated="2026-05-01T15:18:12+11:00"></pre> <u>Example of Mobile Voting</u> <pre><PollingPlace Updated="2026-05-01T15:40:45+11:00"> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18736" Name="Bass - MEVC" Classification="MobileVoting"/> <FirstPreferences Updated="2026-05-01T15:19:06+11:00"></pre>

```
▼<PollingPlace Updated="2026-05-01T15:40:45+11:00">
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="18736" Name="Bass - MEVC" Classification="MobileVoting"/>
  ▼<FirstPreferences Updated="2026-05-01T15:19:06+11:00">
```

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Early Voting Centre results now appear under <PollingPlaces>, followed by Mobile Voting results which appear as a single aggregated polling place under <PollingPlaces>

Sort order by Location Type:

1. Voting Centres
2. Early Voting Centres
3. Mobile Voting

Lower house example:

```
<PollingPlace Updated="">
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification="VotingCentre"/>
  <FirstPreferences Updated="">
    <!-- Candidate (repeats x times) -->
    <Candidate>...</Candidate>
    <Formal><Votes></Votes></Formal>
    <Informal><Votes></Votes></Informal>
    <Total><Votes></Votes></Total>
  </FirstPreferences>
  <TwoCandidatePreferred Updated="">
    <!-- Candidate (repeats twice) -->
    <Candidate>...</Candidate>
  </TwoCandidatePreferred>
</PollingPlace>

<PollingPlace Updated="">
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification="EarlyVotingCentre"/>
  <FirstPreferences Updated="">
    <!-- Candidate (repeats x times) -->
    <Candidate>...</Candidate>
    <Formal><Votes></Votes></Formal>
    <Informal><Votes></Votes></Informal>
    <Total><Votes></Votes></Total>
  </FirstPreferences>
  <TwoCandidatePreferred Updated="">
    <!-- Candidate (repeats twice) -->
    <Candidate>...</Candidate>
  </TwoCandidatePreferred>
</PollingPlace>
```

```

<PollingPlace Updated="">
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification="MobileVoting"/>
  <FirstPreferences Updated="">
    <!-- Candidate (repeats x times) -->
    <Candidate>...</Candidate>
    <Formal><Votes></Votes></Formal>
    <Informal><Votes></Votes></Informal>
    <Total><Votes></Votes></Total>
  </FirstPreferences>
  <TwoCandidatePreferred Updated="">
    <!-- Candidate (repeats twice) -->
    <Candidate>...</Candidate>
  </TwoCandidatePreferred>
</PollingPlace>

```

Upper house example:

```

<PollingPlace Updated="">
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification="VotingCentre"/>
  <FirstPreferences Updated="">
    <!-- Group (repeats x times) -->
    <Group>...</Group>
    <!-- UngroupedCandidate (repeats as needed) -->
    <UngroupedCandidate>...</UngroupedCandidate>
    <Formal><Votes></Votes></Formal>
    <Informal><Votes></Votes></Informal>
    <Total><Votes></Votes></Total>
  </FirstPreferences>
</PollingPlace>

```

```

<PollingPlace Updated="">
  <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification="EarlyVotingCentre"/>
  <FirstPreferences Updated="">
    <!-- Group (repeats x times) -->
    <Group>...</Group>
    <!-- UngroupedCandidate (repeats as needed) -->
    <UngroupedCandidate>...</UngroupedCandidate>
    <Formal><Votes></Votes></Formal>
    <Informal><Votes></Votes></Informal>
  </FirstPreferences>
</PollingPlace>

```

		<pre> <Total><Votes></Votes></Total> </FirstPreferences> </PollingPlace> <PollingPlace Updated=""> <PollingPlaceIdentifier Id="" Name="" Classification="MobileVoting"/> <FirstPreferences Updated=""> <!-- Group (repeats x times) --> <Group>...</Group> <!-- UngroupedCandidate (repeats as needed) --> <UngroupedCandidate>...</UngroupedCandidate> <Formal><Votes></Votes></Formal> <Informal><Votes></Votes></Informal> <Total><Votes></Votes></Total> </FirstPreferences> </PollingPlace> </pre>
3	Changes to the <VotesByType> section include the separation of location-based early votes (EVC and Mobile Votes) from other early votes	<pre> <VotesByType> <Votes Type="Ordinary">0</Votes> <Votes Type="EVCEarly">0</Votes> <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly">0</Votes> <Votes Type="Postal">0</Votes> <Votes Type="Early">0</Votes> <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted">0</Votes> <Votes Type="Provisional">0</Votes> <Votes Type="Absent">0</Votes> </VotesByType> </pre>

```
▼<VotesByType>  
  <Votes Type="Ordinary">40</Votes>  
  <Votes Type="EVCEarly">59</Votes>  
  <Votes Type="MobileVotingEarly">22</Votes>  
  <Votes Type="Postal">68</Votes>  
  <Votes Type="Early">14</Votes>  
  <Votes Type="MarkedAsVoted">1</Votes>  
  <Votes Type="Provisional">3</Votes>  
  <Votes Type="Absent">2</Votes>  
</VotesByType>
```

Change 3: Maverick attribute in Lower House results files

Lower House XML files were enhanced to support masking of Two Candidate Preferred (2CP) results, aligned with the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) "Maverick" logic.

When enabled in the Election Management System (EMS), a `Maverick="true"` attribute is applied at both district and polling place levels to suppress all 2CP candidate and vote data, while retaining structural elements such as the Updated timestamps and `PollingPlacesReturned` & `PollingPlacesExpected`. This allows 2CP results to be temporarily hidden in scenarios where candidate selection is uncertain, incorrect, or is undergoing a 3CP, without affecting first preference data, and ensures consistent behaviour with AEC media feeds across different count phases.

CHANGE	DESCRIPTION	STRUCTURE
1	District Level (2CP masked) Note: applies to all 3 Lower House files: • Lite • LitePP • Verbose	<pre><TwoCandidatePreferred PollingPlacesReturned="3" PollingPlacesExpected="6" Updated="2026-05-27T20:14:04+11:00" Maverick="true"/></pre> <pre><TwoCandidatePreferred PollingPlacesReturned="3" PollingPlacesExpected="6" Updated="2026-05-27T20:14:04+11:00" Maverick="true"/></pre>
2	PollingPlace Level (2CP masked) Note: applies to LitePP and Verbose Lower House files only	<pre><TwoCandidatePreferred Updated="2026-05-27T18:12:43+11:00" Maverick="true"/></pre> <pre><TwoCandidatePreferred Updated="2026-05-27T18:12:43+11:00" Maverick="true"/></pre>

Frequently asked questions

Files and updates

How do I identify the latest file?

Results files include a publication date and time in the file name. To identify the most recently published file, consumers should compare the timestamp in each file name.

After downloading a file, the Created attribute identifies when the XML file was generated.

Does each results file contain only changes since the previous file?

No. Each results file is a complete snapshot of the results data available at the time of publication. Consumers should process the most recently published file rather than treating each file as an incremental update.

How often are the results files updated?

During election weekend, results are published every five minutes as polling place and declaration vote results are counted.

Following election weekend, updates continue as votes are received, processed and counted, and as recheck activities are undertaken. The frequency after election weekend may be reduced to every 15 minutes and continue to reduce as the number of remaining counting activities decreases.

Why might the timestamps differ from the VEC election results website?

The results data feed and the VEC election results website are generated from the same results data source and contain the same election results information.

There may be slight differences in publication timing or timestamps between the two due to file generation, upload and retrieval processes. If a temporary difference is observed, consumers should first confirm that they are using the most recently published XML file.

What does an empty Updated attribute mean?

An empty Updated attribute indicates that no completed result of that kind is currently available for the relevant polling place. For example, a polling place-level TwoCandidatePreferred element with an empty Updated attribute indicates that no completed 2CP count is currently available for that polling place.

Is the XML schema expected to change during the election?

No. The VEC aims to provide stable schemas throughout an election event. If schema changes become necessary, stakeholders will be notified and supporting documentation provided.

Identifiers and set-up files

What do the ElectionIdentifier values L and U mean?

The Id attribute of eml:ElectionIdentifier identifies the House to which the results relate:

- L indicates a Lower House election
- U indicates an Upper House election.

The election name and category are also provided within the eml:ElectionIdentifier element.

Do I need to use the set-up files?

This depends on the results file type you intend to use, and the level of information required.

Lite and LitePP results files use identifiers that can be linked to the set-up files to obtain supporting candidate, group and polling location information. Verbose results files include more descriptive information directly within the results file, although the set-up files may still provide useful additional reference information.

How do I match a candidate in a results file to the Candidates set-up file?

Candidate information is linked using the Id attribute of the eml:CandidateIdentifier element.

The same candidate identifier is used in the results file and the Candidates set-up file. The set-up file can therefore be used to obtain additional information associated with that candidate, including the candidate name, ballot position, independent status and party affiliation, where applicable.

The eml:ContestIdentifier should also be used to confirm that the candidate is being matched within the correct district or region.

How do I match an Upper House group to the Groups & Tickets set-up file?

Upper House group information is linked using the Id attribute of the GroupIdentifier element.

The same group identifier is used in the results file and the Groups & Tickets set-up file. The set-up file provides additional information about the group, including its ticket letter and the candidates belonging to the group.

The eml:ContestIdentifier should also be used to confirm that the group is being matched within the correct region.

How can I translate a party affiliation identifier?

Party affiliation identifiers can be matched to registered political party information using the Candidates or Groups and Tickets set-up file, depending on the election type.

The Id attribute of eml:AffiliationIdentifier identifies the affiliation, while eml:RegisteredName provides the registered name of the political party.

Consumers may also refer to the registered political party affiliation information available on the VEC website (RPP AffiliationIdentifier IDs). This will be available following the close of

nominations and will also indicate the party affiliation name format that will be displayed next to the party's candidates on the ballot paper.

Is personal candidate information included in the feed?

No personal candidate information is included in the feed, such as age, gender, residential address, profession or personal contact details. Candidate information is limited to the information required to identify candidates and report election results.

Why do some polling locations include address and coordinate information while others do not?

Address and coordinate information is only provided for Voting Centres and Early Voting Centres. These locations represent a single physical site and can therefore be accurately associated with a specific address and set of geographic coordinates.

Mobile voting services operate across multiple locations within a district, meaning there is no single physical venue to which address or coordinate information is assigned.

Are State indicators found in the files?

The results data feed does not include jurisdictional or state indicator fields used in some other electoral commission file formats.

Counting and results stages

Why might different results reflect different count stages?

Each reported result reflects the most recent completed count available for that vote parcel or vote type. During counting, different vote parcels/types may progress through primary or recheck stages at different times. Published results may therefore represent a combination of count stages until all relevant vote parcels/types have progressed through the same stage of counting.

Where does Upper House recheck data come from?

For Upper House results, recheck data published in the feed is sourced from the computerised recheck process.

What happens to polling place and VotesByType data during a district recount?

During a district recount, the feed publishes the recount totals at contest level.

VotesByType and PollingPlaces data are not included in recount results. Consumers should therefore not expect polling place-level results or vote type breakdowns to be present while recount results are being published.

How can I tell whether an electorate or region has been declared?

The declaration status is published using the Declared element:

- Declared set to false indicates that the contest has not been declared.

- Declared set to true indicates that the contest has been declared.

In some district elections, counting may continue after declaration where it has been determined that outstanding votes cannot change the result. Where this occurs, the feed will continue to publish updated results while the contest remains marked as declared.

Why might results continue to change after an electorate has been declared?

Declaration does not necessarily mean that every counting activity has finished.

In some district elections, counting may continue after declaration where outstanding votes cannot change the result. The feed will continue to publish the latest available results as those counting activities are completed.

Why have vote totals changed?

Vote totals may change throughout the election period as:

- additional votes are received at their counting location (such as votes cast interstate and overseas, at the telephone assisted voting centre, and in Victorian locations where the elector voted outside of their enrolled district)
- declaration votes are received and processed
- corrections are made
- rechecks are completed
- missorts are corrected during preference distributions (and recheck totals are updated).

This is a normal part of the election counting process.

Why do some candidates show zero votes?

A candidate may show zero votes if:

- no results have yet been reported for the relevant district or region
- the polling location has not yet reported
- the candidate has not received any votes from the votes currently counted.

First Preferences and VotesByType

What is the difference between contest-level and polling place-level FirstPreferences?

The contest-level FirstPreferences element contains the aggregate results for the district or region. It may include candidate, group or ungrouped candidate results, together with formal, informal and total vote results and applicable VotesByType breakdowns.

The polling place-level FirstPreferences element relates only to the individual polling place. It contains a reduced subset of information and does not include VotesByType.

The contest-level element also includes the `PollingPlacesReturned` and `PollingPlacesExpected` attributes. These attributes are not included in the polling place-level element.

What is the difference between `TicketVotes` and `GroupVotes`?

For Upper House elections:

- `TicketVotes` represent above-the-Line (ATL) votes received by the group.
- `GroupVotes` represent the total First Preference votes attributed to the group, including both above-the-line and below-the-line votes.

Two Candidate Preferred (2CP) publication

When will 2CP results appear in the feed?

2CP results will appear once vote totals have been recorded for the two candidates selected for the 2CP count. The `TwoCandidatePreferred` element will therefore not be included in early results files until those vote totals are available.

Will 2CP data be included in the election night trial?

2CP results are not included in the election night trial, therefore the `TwoCandidatePreferred` element will not appear in the trial results files.

Why might 2CP results be unavailable for an electorate?

In some circumstances, 2CP results may be withheld from publication. This may occur:

- where the selected 2CP candidates are not expected to be the final two candidates following a full distribution of preferences
- where a three-candidate-preferred (3CP) count is being conducted
- where the likely final candidate pairing is not yet clear.

Where a district's 2CP results are withheld, this is identified by the presence of the `Maverick="true"` attribute and 2CP result data is not included in the feed.

What does the `Maverick` attribute mean and how is it represented in the XML?

The `Maverick` attribute indicates that 2CP results are being withheld from publication for the affected electorate.

When `Maverick="true"` is present, the applicable 2CP candidate and vote data is not included in the feed.

The `Maverick` attribute is only included when 2CP results are being withheld. Consumers should not expect to see `Maverick="false"` in the XML. If the attribute is not present, 2CP results are available for publication and will be included where results exist.

This behaviour applies to the TwoCandidatePreferred elements at contest-level in all 3 lower house files, and polling place-level in the LitePP and Verbose lower house files. The Lite lower house file only includes polling place-level 2CP update timestamps.

How are 2CP results corrected if the candidate pairing changes?

Where the candidate pair used for the primary 2CP count differs from the pair used for the 2CP recheck, only the recheck 2CP results are published.

This ensures that the feed presents a consistent candidate pairing and does not combine primary and recheck results calculated using different candidate pairs.

Polling place results

Why are some voting locations showing no votes?

Voting locations report results at different times throughout election night and the counting period. A voting location may appear with no results if data has not yet been received.

Which results files contain polling place vote totals?

Polling place content varies by file type:

- **Lite** files include polling place identifiers and update timestamps but do not include polling place vote counts.
- **LitePP** files include polling place vote totals and identifiers but do not include polling place names or classifications.
- **Verbose** files include polling place vote totals, identifiers, names and classifications.

Why might polling place timestamps differ?

The PollingPlace message includes an Updated timestamp. It's nested FirstPreferences and, for Lower House, TwoCandidatePreferred elements include their own Updated timestamps.

These timestamps may differ where the relevant counts were completed or published at different times.

