



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
Electoral Commission

2026 Secret Harbour By-election:

Expected Campaign Behaviours

For candidates, campaign workers and scrutineers.

Elections often involve passionate debate and strong community engagement, which are important elements of a healthy democracy.

We are committed to fostering a by-election environment that is safe, respectful and welcoming for voters, staff, candidates, campaign workers and scrutineers.

Abusive, aggressive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated. Anyone engaging in such behaviour will be directed to leave, with police assistance sought if required.

Promoting a respectful voting environment is a shared responsibility, and all political participants are expected to conduct themselves respectfully.*

What does this mean for you?

- Understand and comply with your relevant legal obligations.
- Engage respectfully with other candidates, election campaign workers, our staff and members of the public.
- Ensure no one feels pressured, threatened or intimidated.
- Ensure footpaths, entrances and car parks are clear and unobstructed.
- Do not distribute information that could mislead or confuse voters about any aspect of the by-election.
- Respect the campaign materials of others.
- Use original campaign material, colours and design elements. Do not imitate the material of other candidates or parties.
- Seek all required permissions before erecting signage, structures or other material.
- Be aware that restrictions on filming and photography apply.



For detailed information on expected behaviours, refer to our **2026 Secret Harbour By-election Guides** for candidates, campaign workers and scrutineers.

*This brochure is a general guide. Candidates, campaign workers and scrutineers must satisfy themselves of their obligations under the *Electoral Act 1907* and subsidiary legislation.