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Good afternoon,

I write to provide some important updates about the registration process for political parties.

Nepean District by-election

You may be aware that a by-election has been called for Nepean District. Under the *Electoral Act 2002* (Vic), we cannot consider any application to register a political party during the period between when the writ for an election—including a by-election—is issued and the date on which the writ is returned.

While we encourage you to continue preparing to apply for registration, we will not be able to commence reviewing any applications until once the writ for the by-election is returned.

Proposed changes to the application deadline

As noted previously, [The Electoral Amendment Bill 2025 \(Vic\)](#) is currently before Parliament. This bill proposes to change the deadline for parties to apply for registration ahead of the 2026 state election forward from 31 July 2026 to **1 June 2026**. While the bill is yet to pass, please consider this proposed change when preparing a new application.

We are available to assist

We are available to assist if you have any questions about the application process. One common reason that applications are delayed is that the party logo does not meet our requirements. Please read the detailed requirements for party logos in the [Registration of political parties handbook](#) (see Appendix F).

Ahead of formally submitting your application, you may wish to provide us with a copy of your logo in EPS and PDF format. This will allow us to confirm the logo is compliant and prevent delays with your application.

Updated website information and application forms

We have recently updated our website content for registering a political party - [Register a political party | Victorian Electoral Commission](#). We are currently updating our application forms and templates – we expect that they will be available on the website in the coming days.

If you have completed an application using our previously available forms, there is no need to recomplete this information as we will continue to accept these forms.

If you have any questions about these updates or about making an application, please contact us via email at rppregistration@vec.vic.gov.au.

Kind regards,
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