

Referendum Entity Disclosure Return

For 2023 Referendum held on 14 October 2023

Subsection 109E(4) of the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* (Referendum Act) requires referendum entities to furnish a return within 15 weeks after the voting day for the referendum.

The due date for lodging this return is Monday 29 January 2024.

Completing the Return:

- This return is to be completed by a person or organisation who incurred referendum expenditure of more than \$15,200 during the referendum expenditure period.
- This return is to be completed with reference to the [Financial Disclosure Guide for Referendum Entities](#).
- Amounts should be reported on a GST inclusive basis.
- Under subsection 320(1) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act) this return will be available for public inspection at www.aec.gov.au from Monday 1 April 2024.
- Any supporting documentation included with this return may be treated as part of a public disclosure and displayed on the AEC website.
- The information on this return is collected under sections 109E and 109F of the Referendum Act.

Referendum Entity details

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Name | | | |
| Postal address | | | |
| | Suburb/town | State | Postcode |
| ABN | | ACN | |

Person completing this return

| | | | |
|--|-------------|-------|----------|
| Name (write 'as above' if completing own return) | | | |
| Capacity or position (e.g., company secretary, self) | | | |
| Postal address | | | |
| | Suburb/town | State | Postcode |
| Telephone number | | | |
| Email address | | | |

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

Funding and Disclosure
 Australian Electoral Commission
 Locked Bag 4007
 Canberra ACT 2601

Phone: 02 6271 4552
 Email: fad@aec.gov.au

Certification

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the person/organisation on whose behalf I am authorised to complete this form.

I certify that the referendum entity has complied with section 109J of the Referendum Act relating to donations to referendum entities by foreign donors.

I understand that submitting an incomplete, false or misleading return is an offence under Division 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995.

OR

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, except for the particulars detailed in the 'Notice of Incomplete Return' form (attached). I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the person/organisation on whose behalf I am authorised to complete this form.

I understand that submitting a false or misleading return or omitting any matter which makes the information misleading is an offence under Division 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995.

Signature



Date

Referendum expenditure period

For the purpose of reporting referendum expenditure and donations, section 3 of the Referendum Act defines the referendum expenditure period as:

- starting on the day that is six months before the writ for a referendum is issued (**11 March 2023**), and
- ending on the voting day for the referendum (**14 October 2023**).

Part 1 – Referendum expenditure (subsection 109E(2) of the Referendum Act)

A person or organisation that incurs referendum expenditure over **\$15,200** during the referendum expenditure period must disclose the total amount of referendum expenditure incurred.

Referendum expenditure is defined in section 3AAA of the Referendum Act to be expenditure incurred for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating referendum matter.

Further information on referendum matter and referendum expenditure can be found on the [AEC website](#).

Total referendum expenditure incurred \$

Part 2 – Donations received (subsection 109E(2) of the Referendum Act)

Part 2a: Total value of donations received for referendum campaigning

A donation is covered in the total if:

- (a) the relevant person knows that the person or entity who made the gift intends the gift to be used for the purposes of incurring referendum expenditure, or for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating referendum matter; or
- (b) the relevant person accepted the gift intending to use the gift for the purposes of incurring referendum expenditure, or for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating referendum matter.

This is the total value of **all donations received**, both **above and below** \$15,200.

\$

Part 2b: Total number of donors

This is the total number of donors who made the donations included in the calculation of 'total value of donations received' at Part 2a.

Part 2c: Details of donations received (section 109F of the Referendum Act)

Part 2c of this return applies to a referendum entity:

- who is required to complete Part 1 of this return; and
- received a donation or a number of donations from a single source that total to more than **\$15,200** during the referendum expenditure period; and
 - the referendum entity knows that the donor who made the donation intends the gift to be used for the purposes of incurring referendum expenditure, or for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating referendum matter; or
 - the referendum entity accepted the donation intending to use the donation for the purposes of incurring referendum expenditure, or for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating referendum matter.

For each donation received, the following details must be disclosed:

- full name and address* of the person or organisation from whom the donation was received; and
- date each donation was received; and
- value or amount of each donation.

| Received from | Date of donation** | Value of donation (GST inclusive) |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name | | \$.00 |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/town | State | Postcode |
| Name | | \$.00 |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/town | State | Postcode |
| Name | | \$.00 |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/town | State | Postcode |
| Name | | \$.00 |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/town | State | Postcode |

If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets

Total \$.00

*** Name and address details**

- If the donation was from an unincorporated association (other than a registered industrial organisation within the meaning of Part XX of the Electoral Act), the name of the association along with the name and address of each member of the executive committee are required.
- If the donation was from a trust or foundation, the name or description of the trust or foundation along with the names and addresses of the trustees are required.

** In this form donation is a **gift** within the meaning in subsection 287(1) of the Electoral Act.