

Vic Council Elections

Maximise Your Voting Power!

- Homeowners in multiple councils:** You can vote in each council area where you own property and pay rates.
- Commercial property owners:** You may be eligible for 2 votes in the council election where your property is located.
- Business leaseholders:** You may also be eligible for 2 votes in the council election where your business is located.

Congratulation's, you may have more voting power!



Housing Properties 1 Council

If you pay rates to 1 council, regardless if its your primary address or you have multiple housing properties in the same council

1 vote

Nick owns 2 houses in Yarra, one he lives in at Fitzroy and the other he rents out in Collingwood. Nick must vote for the address he lives at in Fitzroy, as he would for state or federal elections. Nick doesn't get a second vote for the house he rents out in Collingwood.



Multiple Properties multiple councils

If you pay housing rates to multiple councils, you are entitle to a single vote for each council

1 vote each council

Nick owns 2 houses in Yarra (one to rent out and one to live in) and an apartment in North Melbourne, which he rents out. Nick must vote for the address he lives at in Fitzroy, as he would for state or federal elections. Nick doesn't get a second vote for the house he rents out in Yarra, but he can apply to council enroll for City Of Melbourne because he is the owner and he pays the rates for the apartment. If Nick chooses to enroll, he must vote in all City of Melbourne elections.



Commercial Properties

Each commercial property you own for each council, you are entitle to 2 votes per property per council

2 votes

Lucy is the company secretary of ABC Corp. At its most recent quarterly board meeting, it was unanimously agreed that she should be appointed to represent ABC Corp's business interests and vote in Greater Dandenong elections. Lucy agreed and applied to Greater Dandenong. As she is a state-enrolled voter for Kingston and is not a representative for another corporation in Greater Dandenong, the council accepted her application to vote for ABC Corp.



Commercial Lease Holder

If you run a business and hold a commercial lease in which pay rates you are entitle to 2 votes in that council

2 votes

Gillian rent's an old milk bar across the road from a train station in Geelong, which they converted into a French bakery. Business is going great, as their croissants and coffee are a hit with morning commuters. Gillian's lease requires her to pay the rates for the property. They apply to enroll for Geelong Council as occupiers so she can have a say on issues such as street lighting and car parking around her business. Once enrolled, Gillian must vote at the 2024 local council general election and for any by-elections in Geelong after 2024.

Make the most of your voting power, additional votes must be requested with each council speak to yours today

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