



Ministerial Submission

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Reason for Urgency: Not applicable

FOR: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

INFO: Senator the Hon Don Farrell, The Hon Pat Conroy MP,
Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, The Hon Tim Watts MP

Indonesia: 2024 Presidential and Legislative Elections

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Recommendation:

That you:

- a) Note the first round of Indonesia's presidential election will take place on 14 February, with official results to be confirmed on 20 March.

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Decision:

Noted

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Agreed / Not Agreed

Domestic/Media Considerations: s 33(a)(iii)

Action:

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Information:

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Can this proposal be funded from within your existing divisional allocation (departmental/aid)? Not Applicable

If the proposal high risk/high value (over \$100m) concept has been approved by the Aid Governance Board? Not Applicable

Consultation: Australian Embassy, Jakarta; PM&C



Indonesia 2024: Presidential and Parliamentary Elections

ELECTION MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

28 Nov 23

Official campaign begins. Incumbent President retains full executive powers until new President inaugurated on 20 Oct

NOV 2023

Dec 23 / Jan 24

Five televised presidential debates

DEC 2023

JAN 2023

10 Feb 24

Official campaign ends. Quiet period 11-13 Feb

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14 Feb 24

Presidential and parliamentary elections

FEB 2024

15 Feb 24

Formal 35-day poll count begins

MAR 2024

14-15 Feb 24

Informal Quick Count process s 33(a)(iii)

APR 2024

10 Mar – 8 Apr 24

Ramadan fasting month

20 Mar 24

KPU completes official count and makes formal announcement

MAY 2024

23 Mar 24

Appeals to the Constitutional Court must be lodged by this date

4-14 Apr 24

Eid al-Fitr break in Indonesia (akin to Christmas/New Years break)

JUN 2024

2-22 June 24

Campaign period for second-round presidential election (if required)

JUL 2024

26 Jun 24

Second-round presidential election (if required)

AUG 2024

Late Jul 24

Official results of second-round election announced.

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SEP 2024

1 Oct 24

Inauguration of new parliament

OCT 2024

20 Oct 24

Inauguration of new President and Vice President

NOV 2024

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INDONESIA 2024 ELECTIONS – MEDIA TALKING POINTS

- . Wish Indonesia well for the successful running of its presidential and legislative elections on 14 February
- . The vote will be a significant milestone
 - Indonesia is the world's third largest democracy
 - the new president will be the third Indonesian leader directly elected by the Indonesian people.
- . As a fellow democracy, Australia respects the will of the people of Indonesia and will work closely with whoever is elected through its democratic process
 - the Australian Government is looking forward to working closely with a new Indonesian president and administration once inaugurated in October 2024.
- . Acknowledge outgoing President Joko Widodo's leadership and contribution during his almost ten years in office
 - delivering a period of political stability and strong economic growth
 - playing a positive role in forging closer bilateral ties with Australia and promoting wider international cooperation.
- . Indonesia is of vital importance to Australia and one of our most valued partners
 - as the Foreign Minister has said [press conference in Jakarta, July 2023]: *'it is impossible to overstate Indonesia's importance to Australia. We can't and won't have the region we need without a strong and prosperous Indonesia'*
 - we share a broad-based partnership that encompasses deep and longstanding business, education, defence, security and people-to-people links.

If raised: does Australia have a view on the presidential candidates?

- . It is not for us to express a view on individual candidates – the elections are a matter for the people of Indonesia.
- . As a fellow democracy, Australia respects the will of the people of Indonesia and will work closely with whoever is elected through its democratic process.

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Background

Indonesia's simultaneous presidential and legislative elections will take place on 14 February 2024. **Informal** quick count results, which have generally been reliable and fast will yield results by the evening of 14 February 2024 (as early as 8.00pm AEST). The **formal** vote count by the Indonesian Electoral Commission is slower and it will announce the results on 20 March. At this point, losing candidates have three days to lodge their appeals in the Constitutional Court.

Unless a candidate achieves a vote share greater than 50 per cent, there will be a subsequent run-off presidential election. If this were the case, that campaign will run from 2 June – 22 June. Voting would occur on 26 June, and an official result announced on 20 July. That result would also be open to appeal to the Constitutional Court.

Indonesia's new parliament will be inaugurated on 1 October and the presidential inauguration will take place on 20 October.

With 205 million voters, Indonesia's election is the largest single-day poll in the world, in the world's largest Muslim-majority nation. Voters will cast their ballots at more than 823,000 polling stations across the country's 6,000 inhabited islands, the most important of which is Java, the country's political and economic epicentre.

The three candidates for president are: current Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto, former Governor of Jakarta Anies Baswedan and former Governor of Central Java Ganjar Pranowo.

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INDONESIA – BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

ISSUES

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ELECTIONS (14 February 2024)

If Asked: What is Australia's view on the upcoming elections?

- Australia wishes Indonesia well for the successful running of its presidential and legislative elections this year
 - we look forward to engaging with Indonesia's new president and his administration once inaugurated in October 2024.
- President Widodo remains in office until October and we continue to work closely to maintain momentum in our partnership.
- The vote on 14 February will be a significant milestone
 - it is the world's largest single day election in the third largest democracy
 - the new president will be the third leader directly elected by the Indonesian people.

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Background Elections

Indonesia's presidential and legislative elections are on 14 February 2024. Unless a candidate achieves greater than 50 per cent, there will be a run-off election on 26 June 2024. Regional elections will be held in November. Indonesia's new parliament will be inaugurated on 1 October and the presidential inauguration will take place on 20 October.

The presidential candidates are Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto, former Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan and former Central Java Governor Ganjar Pranowo. Prabowo last visited Australia for the 2+2 Meeting (9-10 February 2023), and Baswedan last visited Australia for a Special Visits Program from 6-9 March 2023.

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Purpose:

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- Wish Indonesia the best for its upcoming elections [14 February].

Talking points:

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- Wish Indonesia the best for its upcoming elections [14 February]
 - look forward to working closely and productively with Indonesia's new president and government once inaugurated in October.

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Background

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Indonesia's elections

- Indonesia will hold the first round of its national (including presidential) elections a few days after your meeting [14 February].
- Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto has a comfortable lead in the polls, but is currently short of the 50 percent required to win outright in the first round. A run-off election will be held if required in June.

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Summary

Cable attaches the regular Indonesia Elections Update coordinated by SMD's Indonesia Branch. Issue #2 focuses on the state of play of the campaign. Issue #1 was distributed on 15 December and is also attached.

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FACTS & FIGURES

- With 205 million voters, Indonesia's election is **world's largest single-day poll**.
- At the national, regional, and local levels **20,614 legislative seats will be contested** on 14 February.
- Over half the voters (**52 percent**) are **between 17- 40 years old**.
- More than **six million electoral personnel** will be at **823,000 polling stations** in Indonesia and overseas.
- The top overseas polling station is Kuala Lumpur, with almost 450,000 voters. Australia will have seven polling sites.
- The province of **West Java** has the highest number of voters (36 million) and polling stations (140,457).
- The province of **South Papua** has the lowest number of voters (367,269) and polling stations (1,770).



The candidates at the 3rd presidential debate on 7 January. Source: *Media Indonesia*

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NEXT UP: Candidates will debate two more times ahead of the **first-round vote on 14 February**.



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TIMELINE

22 December: VP candidates debate on economy

7 January: Presidential candidates debate on geopolitics

21 January: VP candidates debate on agriculture and energy

4 Feb: Presidential candidates debate on education and health

14 Feb: First round of presidential; and parliamentary elections

26 June: Second round of presidential election (if required)

1 October: Inauguration of new parliament

20 October: Inauguration of new President and VP



The candidates showing their numerical position on the ballot.

Source: [The Conversation](#)

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A mural in Bogor, West Java. Source: *Jakarta Post*

EXPLAINERS

WHEN WILL WE KNOW THE RESULT OF THE FIRST ROUND?

14 February 1100 – 1700 (AEDT): Voting is open. Exit polls and ‘quick counts’ are available. These are informal polls, but generally reliable – particularly as the day goes on.

14 February evening: Informal results are reasonably clear.

14 February to 20 March: Formal vote counting.

20 March: Formal results announced by the Election Commission. Appeals must be lodged within three days.

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Vice-presidential candidates Mohammad Mahfud MD (left) Muhaimin Iskandar (centre) and Gibran Rakabuming at the 21 January debate. Source: [Nikkei Asia](#)

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This cable outlines how we expect the election process to play out in Indonesia. It also provides early advice on Australian government commentary on the election outcome, and when we should consider a possible PM call to the winner.

First round voting

2. Indonesian elections (presidential and parliamentary) will be held on 14 February. Polls will open at 0700 and remain open until 1300, local time.

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Legal Appeals

9. Appeals must be lodged within three days of the formal result being announced (by 23 March). s 33(a)(iii)

Possible second round voting

10. If a second round is required, that campaign will run from 2 June – 22 June. Voting would occur on 26 June, before a final result announced on 20 July. That result would also be open to appeal.

11. The next president will be inaugurated on 20 October. s 33(a)(iii)

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Summary

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Cable provides a high-level summary of key developments in week seven of the campaign for the 14 February 2024 presidential election.

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6. The second vice-presidential candidates' debate on 21 January will be the next major event in the campaign s33(a)(iii)

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