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Australian Electoral Commission

# Referendum

Strategic Media Recommendation  
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## Social

### Strategic approach

It is recommended to deliver the campaign across broad reaching social channels including s 22 to best achieve cut through to the audience. This approach will take shape across ad formats and placements that will deliver effective reach and awareness of the campaign message. These are the primary platforms where disinformation regarding voting and political matters are shared the most, unlike s 22 or TikTok, hence it is crucial to reach the audiences on these platforms.

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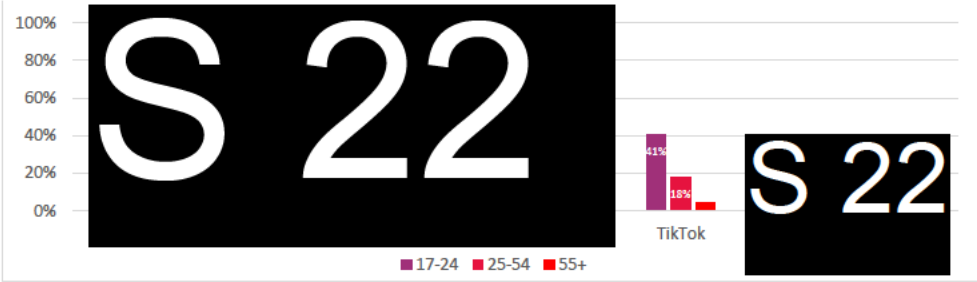
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Using multiple social platforms including S 22 and TikTok will deliver scale and provide an opportunity to reach the audience at multiple touchpoints. This approach will take shape using multiple formats, placements, and creative executions to achieve the campaign objectives.

FIGURE 29: SOCIAL MEDIA CONSUMPTION<sup>125</sup>



S 22 and TikTok are also recommended to reach the priority audience of young people. The user bases of these platforms heavily skew towards P17-24 which is why these platforms will be specifically used to get an incremental reach of the younger demo. It is recommended to pilot the use of TikTok for the referendum. TikTok has been recommended for its alignment to the campaign's demographic of P18-24. In Australia, TikTok has reported 8.9 million monthly users with 39% audience aged P18-24<sup>127</sup>. 67% of the audience agreed that ads on TikTok capture their attention<sup>128</sup> 10% more than other platforms<sup>129</sup>. It also had the highest dwell time of all platforms with users spending 90 mins a day on the platform.

Please note the use of TikTok is subject to Government approval and current advice at the time of the Referendum. UM has assessed platform capabilities and provided guidance on how the platform can be used for paid advertising in a manner that mitigates brand safety risks.

TikTok will only be used for the mainstream audiences. It does have in language targeting available in the platform but does not offer scale.

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It is not required to have a TikTok account to run TikTok ads and comments will be disabled.

Platform	Recommended formats <sup>120</sup>	Recommended for (audience)	Require moderation (Y/N)
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TikTok	In-feed ads (15s or less seconds)	P18-24	N – Comments can be disabled
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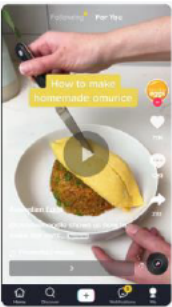
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- TikTok In-feed ads are similar to link ads across S 22 and will be leveraged to reach the younger demo. Vertical 9:16 aspect ratio ads are recommended for this format.



FIGURE 31: TIKTOK IN-FEED AD EXAMPLE



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Platform	Formats	Objective	CPM	Metric	KPI
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TikTok	In-Feed Ads	Reach	██	\$47 █████	████
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TikTok	Video (6-10 seconds) and Image In-feed ads	P18-24	N – Comments can be disabled

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### Strategic approach

Similarly to Education and Close of Rolls, Voters Services will run across S 22 and TikTok to drive knowledge about where and how to vote.

### Implementation tactics

#### Targeting

Platform	Targeting
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TikTok	P18-24, Australia

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#### Formats

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		S 22	
TikTok	Video (6-10 seconds) and Image In-feed ads	P18-24	N – Comments can be disabled

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TikTok	In-Feed Ads	Reach		S 47	
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