



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA

## MEDIA RELEASE

### New inquiry into the ACT Election in 2020

Canberrans are invited to have their say on the 2020 ACT Election.

A new committee inquiry has been announced in the Legislative Assembly, and submissions are open until 7 April 2021.

A wide range of topics are open for discussion, including:

- impact of COVID-19 on the ACT election,
- timeframe and accessibility of early voting,
- number and location of polling places,
- systems for electronic voting,
- duration of campaign period,
- restrictions on roadside signage,
- donation rules,
- voter turnout and participation in elections,
- restrictions on campaigning activities outside polling places, and
- lowering the voting age.

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety, Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, said today: 'The recent election was conducted during the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee looks forward to hearing from as many people as possible about their experiences of the 2020 election, and any ideas for improvement.'

The Committee's terms of reference are available on the Legislative Assembly website at: <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/committees/jcs>

Information about how to make a submission is available at: [www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/Getting-involved](http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/Getting-involved).

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