



Extracts of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 002* – Tuesday, 17 December 2024

Members present: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9:34 am.

8. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

8.1. The Committee resolved [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the Chair invite the ACT Electoral Commissioner to meet with the Committee at the next possible private meeting.

8.2. The Committee resolved [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the media release, as amended, calling for submissions by 4 March 2025 and distributed on 17 December 2025 or 18 December 2024 be agreed to, and the stakeholder list, as amended, be agreed to.

8.3. The Committee discussed possible dates to hold public hearings for this inquiry, with a view to holding full day public hearings on 25 March 2025 and 1 April 2025.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10:13 AM.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 003* – Tuesday, 28 January 2025

Members present: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair)

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and the *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee noted a letter from the Clerk, received 19 December 2024, providing the referral and the terms of reference for the inquiry.

6.2. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to receive and authorise for publication the following submissions:

6.2.1. Submission 1: Greg Tannahill

6.2.2. Submission 2: Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

6.3. The Committee **resolved** [LEE] that the Secretary be authorised to receive and publish routine submissions for this inquiry.

6.4. The Committee noted that the private meeting with the Electoral Commissioner has been rescheduled to 11 March 2025.

6.5. The Committee noted a letter from the ACT Electoral Commissioner requesting that the deadline for submissions to this inquiry be delayed until the time the Electoral Commission can complete its report into the election, which is not anticipated to be finalised before the end of June 2025.

6.6. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] that the closing date for inquiry submissions be made 31 July 2025, and that the Secretary draft a media release noting that this change was at the request of the Electoral Commission. The media release to be circulated for approval out of session.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 9.52 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 009* – Tuesday, 25 February 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair)

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.30 am.

7. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

7.1. The Committee noted additional submissions had been received from Civil Liberties Australia (submission 3) and Tuggeranong Community Council (submission 4) which are to be published as routine submissions by the secretariat in line with the resolution made at Meeting 6.

15. Close

15.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.18am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 010* – Tuesday, 11 March 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.31 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee noted that the private discussion with the Electoral Commissioner has been rescheduled to 1 July 2025.

6.2. The Committee noted that *Submission 4 - Tuggeranong Community Council* had been received and published on the inquiry webpage in line with the resolution made in Meeting 6.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.38 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 011* – Tuesday, 25 March 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.32 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee noted the letter sent on 11 March 2025 to the ACT Electoral Commissioner to invite him to meet with the Committee on 1 July 2025.

12. Close

12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.00 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 012* – Tuesday, 29 April 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.35 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee noted that a private meeting with the Electoral Commissioner is scheduled for 1 July 2025.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.23 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 013* – Tuesday, 20 May 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee resolved [WERNER-GIBBBINGS] to receive and publish Submission 5 from Erik Jochimsem.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.38 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 017* – Tuesday, 17 June 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

7. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

7.1. The Committee noted that the Electoral Commissioner has indicated that his report into the election will be available in about June 2025, and a private meeting with the Electoral Commissioner has been scheduled for 1 July 2025.

7.2. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBBINGS] to receive and publish Submission 6 – Jordan Rocke, noting that the Secretary had contacted the submitter who was happy to have the submission published in full.

7.3. The Committee considered a draft media release reminding the community that submissions are open until 31 July 2025. The Committee agreed to consider the release again after talking to the Electoral Commissioner on 1 July 2025.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.21 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 018* – Tuesday, 1 July 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 9.30 am.

1.2. The Chair joined the meeting at 9.37 am.

2. Meeting with the Electoral Commission

2.1. The Committee met privately with Mr Damian Cantwell AM CSC, ACT Electoral Commissioner, and Mr Ro Spence, Deputy Electoral Commissioner.

2.2. The Committee noted the Commission's draft report on the 2024 ACT Election, and discussed arrangements for publication of the report.

2.3. The Committee noted that the ACT Audit Office has indicated that it intends to undertake a performance audit into Elections ACT's electoral processes.

2.4. Mr Werner-Gibbings withdrew at 10.00 am.

2.5. Mr Cantwell and Mr Spence withdrew at 10.09 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. The Committee deliberated on outcomes of the meeting with the ACT Electoral Commission.

16. Close

16.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.25 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 019* – Tuesday, 15 July 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.30 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee noted that the final version of the Electoral Commission's report was not yet available.

- 6.2. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to extend the date for submissions until 30 September 2025 and approve the media release announcing the extension, as amended.
- 6.3. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to write to the ACT Government regarding its submission, noting that it may wish to update the submission when the Electoral Commission report is available, and alerting it to the extension of the submission date.
- 6.4. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to approve the letter to the ACT Government out of session.

13. Close

- 13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.26 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 020* – Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair)

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

- 6.1. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to accept the Electoral Commission's report as an exhibit and to inform the Commission that it was authorised to publish the report on its website.
- 6.2. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to issue the media release alerting stakeholders to publication of the report, as drafted.
- 6.3. The Committee noted a phone call received by the secretariat on 18 July 2025 advising that Yarralumla Residents Association would not be making a submission to the inquiry.
- 6.4. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to receive and publish the following submissions:
 - 6.4.1. Submission 8: COTA Ageing ACT
 - 6.4.2. Submission 9: Dr Yee-Fui Ng, Associate Professor, Monash University.
 - 6.4.3. Submission 10: Lung Foundation Australia
- 6.5. The Committee noted the letter the Attorney-General regarding the extended due date for submissions and inviting them to make another submission once the Electoral Commission's report becomes available, sent on 17 July 2025.

15. Close

- 15.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.49 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 021* – Tuesday, 19 August 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.32 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. Hard copies of the Electoral Commission's report on the 2024 election were distributed to Members.

6.2. The Committee noted the letter, sent 12 August 2025, to the ACT Electoral Commissioner advising that the Committee would be publishing the report on the 2024 ACT Election.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.00 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 022* – Tuesday, 26 August 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.36 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to receive and publish the following submission:

6.2. Submission 11: [redacted] as name withheld

6.3. The Committee discussed the terms of reference and scope of the inquiry.

11. Close

11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.29 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 023* – Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.33 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to receive and publish the following submission:

5.2. Submission 12: The Australia Institute

5.3. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to issue a media release to be agreed out of session re-drawing attention to the Electoral Commissioner's report and deadline for submissions.

9. Close

9.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 9:44 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 024* – Tuesday, 14 October 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.32 am.

2. Conflicts of interest

2.1. All members declared that their respective parties had made submissions to the *Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and Electoral Act 1992*.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and the *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive and publish the following submissions:

5.1.1. Submission 2.1: Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

5.1.2. Submission 7: ACT Government

5.1.3. Submission 13: ACT Parents

5.1.4. Submission 14: Australian Multicultural Action Network

- 5.1.5. Submission 15: Canberra Multicultural Community Forum
- 5.1.6. Submission 16: Jude Dodd
- 5.1.7. Submission 17: ACT Greens
- 5.1.8. Submission 18: Bruce Paine
- 5.1.9. Submission 19: Independents for Canberra
- 5.1.10. Submission 21: Clubs ACT
- 5.1.11. Submission 22: McKinnon
- 5.1.12. Submission 23: Liberal Party (ACT Division)
- 5.1.13. Submission 24: Mark Fletcher
- 5.1.14. Submission 25: Ben Last
- 5.1.15. Submission 26: Harry-Dean Kenchington Goldsmith (both parts)
- 5.1.16. Submission 27: Travis Jordan and Dr Francis Markham
- 5.1.17. Submission 28: Kerry Corke
- 5.1.18. Submission 29: ACT Labor
- 5.1.19. Submission 30: ANU Law reform and Social Justice Research Hub
- 5.1.20. Submission 31: Matt Watts
- 5.1.21. Submission 32: Mark Gale
- 5.1.22. Submission 33: Fiona Carrick Independent Party

- 5.2. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to write to the ACT Electoral Commission to raise security concerns discussed in submission 20 and to advise Thinking Cyber Security that consideration of their submission has been deferred while this occurs.
- 5.3. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to hold public hearings on Tuesday 9 December 2025.
- 5.4. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to agree that matters under consideration of a separate inquiry will not be canvassed in Annual Reports Hearings.
- 5.5. The Committee noted the summary of submissions.
- 5.6. The Committee agreed to provide to the Secretariat comments on the scope of considerations of the size of the Legislative Assembly for the purposes of writing to the Speaker to seek approval under Standing Order 238 for a specialist advisor to assist with the electoral inquiry.
- 5.7. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to authorise members to discuss out of session the scope of an inquiry into the size of the Assembly with their respective parties, and for the Chair to discuss this with independents and the Clerk.

11. Close

11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.34 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 025* – Tuesday, 4 November 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.32 am.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

4.1. The Committee noted that the authors of Submission 20, Chris Culnane, Andrew Conway, Vanessa Teague and Ty Wilson-Brown, had advised that the security issues raised in their submission were already in the public domain.

4.2. The Committee noted the Electoral Commission's response to Submission 20, and the Commission's request that the response be kept confidential.

4.3. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to receive and publish Submission 20, and to receive the response from the Electoral Commission in confidence.

4.4. The Committee deliberated on the draft hearing schedule.

4.5. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to adopt the hearing schedule as amended, that the Secretariat be authorised to make timing and other amendments as required, and that the Chair invite the Attorney-General and the ACT Electoral Commission.

4.6. The Committee deliberated on the inquiry.

13. Close

13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.29 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 028* – Tuesday, 25 November 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.33 am.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

4.1. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] not to invite opening statements at the public hearings on 27 November and 9 December 2025.

4.2. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to adopt the draft media releases, as amended.

16. Close

16.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.31 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 029* – Thursday, 27 November 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 3.00 pm.

2. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and the *Electoral Act 1992* – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- ACT Electoral Commission officials:
- Mr Damian Cantwell AM CSC, Electoral Commissioner
- Mr Rohan Spence, Deputy Electoral Commissioner

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

5. Close

5.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.02 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 030* – Tuesday, 9 December 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 10.00 am.

1.2. Mr Werner-Gibbings was an apology until 10.54am.

2. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and the *Electoral Act 1992* – public hearing

2.1. The following witness came to the table and was examined:

- Associate Professor Yee-Fui Ng, private capacity, via Webex

2.2. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

2.3. The following witness came to the table and was examined:

- Mr Ethan Zhu, Legal Researcher, Australian National University Law Reform and Social Justice Research Hub

2.4. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

2.5. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Australia Institute representatives
- Dr Morgan Harrington, Research Manager
- Ms Skye Predavec, Researcher
- McKinnon representative
- The Hon Jay Weatherill AO, Executive Director, Democracy and Engagement, via Webex

2.6. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.7. The Chair suspended proceedings between 11.49 am and 1.00 pm.

2.8. The following witness came to the table and was examined:

- Mr Mark Fletcher, private capacity

2.9. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

2.10. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- ACT Parents Representatives:
- Ms Veronica Elliot, Executive Officer
- Ms Julie McLean, Policy Officer
- COTA (ACT) Representative:
- Ms Jenny Mobbs, Chief Executive Officer, via Webex.

2.11. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.12. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Mr Ravi Krishnamurthy, President, Australian Multicultural Action Network, via Webex
- Mrs Chin Wong, Secretary, Canberra Multicultural Community Forum

2.13. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.14. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy
- Dr Peter Tait, Convenor

- Dr Bernard Rohan, committee member

2.15. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

7. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and the *Electoral Act 1992* – public hearing

7.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Ms Tara Cheyne MLA, Attorney-General
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate officials:
- Mr Daniel Ng, Acting Executive Group Manager, Legislation, Policy and Programs
- Ms Nadia Marjan, Acting Executive Branch Manager, Civil and Regulatory Law Branch, Legislation, Policy and Programs
- City and Environment Directorate official:
- Mr Bruce Fitzgerald, Deputy Director-General

7.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

8. Private meeting

8.1. The Chair adjourned the public hearing and opened the private meeting at 4.29 pm.

9. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and the *Electoral Act 1992*

9.1. The Committee discussed the inquiry.

9.2. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to prepare an interim report.

9.3. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] that Mr Werner-Gibbings be authorised to advise the Attorney-General that an interim report would be forthcoming.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.42 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 031* – Tuesday, 16 December 2025

Members present: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 11.12 am.

1.2. The Committee noted the Chair's apology for the meeting.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

4.1. The Committee discussed recommendations for the interim report.

15. Close

15.1. The Deputy Chair closed the meeting at 12.07 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 032* – Tuesday, 20 January 2026

Members present: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992* – report consideration

4.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to accept and publish answers to QTONs 2 and 3.

4.2. The Committee noted that the answer to QTONs 1, 5 and 6 had been published as authorised under the general-purpose resolutions, and that a reminder to the Canberra Multicultural Forum had been sent regarding the outstanding answer to QTON 4.

4.3. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] that the Secretary should email the Deputy Electoral Commissioner in answer to his query about report timing, informing him that an interim report would be published soon and the final report would be published in due course.

4.4. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

4.5. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.

4.6. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Chapter 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.6 – agreed to
Paragraph 2.7 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.8 and 2.9 – agreed to
Recommendation 2 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.10 to 2.14 – agreed to
After paragraph 2.14 – a recommendation inserted
Paragraphs 2.15 to 2.20 – agreed to
After paragraph 2.20 – a paragraph inserted
Paragraphs 2.21 and 2.22 – agreed to
After paragraph 2.22 – a paragraph and a recommendation inserted
Paragraphs 2.23 to 2.33 – agreed to
After paragraph 2.33 – a paragraph inserted
Paragraphs 2.34 to 2.40 – agreed to
Recommendation 3 – amended and agreed to
Chapter 3 – agreed to
Appendix A – agreed to
Appendix B – agreed to
Appendix C – agreed to
Appendix D – agreed to.

- 4.7. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to adopt the report, as amended.
- 4.8. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] that the Secretary be authorised to update Hansard references when the proof transcript is available and make minor formatting and typographical changes to the report to prepare it for printing, after its adoption by the Committee but prior to its presentation.
- 4.9. The Committee agreed to circulate the report through the Speaker when the Assembly is not sitting, when the Chair had signed it.
- 4.10. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided to the Secretariat at least a day before circulation through the Speaker. Dissenting reports are not circulated to Members prior to this.
- 4.11. The Committee noted that the Chair must table the report in the Assembly on the next sitting day, which occurs on 3 February 2026.
- 4.12. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 4.13. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 4.14. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to adopt the media release as amended.

19. Close

- 19.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.24 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 033 – Tuesday, 27 January 2026*

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.35 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

- 5.1. The Committee noted that the interim report had been tabled out of session on 22 January 2026, and would be presented to the Assembly on 3 February 2026.
- 5.2. The Committee discussed the inquiry.
- 5.3. Secretariat to compile and circulate a list of outstanding issues from submissions and hearings, and circulate with a list of Electoral Commission recommendations not addressed in the interim report.
- 5.4. Secretariat to compile and circulate an outline of outcomes of recommendations from the committee report on the 2020 ACT Election

12. Close

12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.18 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 034* – Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. The Committee deferred consideration of this item until the next meeting.

15. Close

15.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.09 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 035* – Tuesday, 17 February 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.33 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. The Committee noted the Government Response to the interim report.

5.2. The Committee deferred discussion on recommendations for the final report.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 9.56 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 036* – Tuesday, 3 March 2026

Members present: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.41 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. The Committee agreed for members to provide the Secretariat with their draft recommendations for inclusion in the draft final report.

5.2. Mr Braddock agreed to talk to the Chair about recommendations for the report.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.03 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 037* – Tuesday, 10 March 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.31 am.

6. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

6.1. The Committee deferred consideration of this item until a later meeting.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.38 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 039* – Tuesday, 21 April 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),

Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.33 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. Members agreed to meet informally later in the week to discuss directions for the report.

5.2. The Committee noted correspondence, received 8 April 2026, from the Australia Institute inquiring as to the likely timing of the final report.

5.3. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to publish the ACT Electoral Commission's response to the interim report.

5.4. The Committee noted the ACT Audit Office's current performance audit of Election ACT's identification of management of emerging election integrity risks.

5.5. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to publish the following correspondence from the ACT Electoral Commission:

- 5.5.1. Received 31 March 2026, further information on recommendation 17 of the Electoral Commission report – enforcement of compulsory voting (circulated to Members the same day).
- 5.5.2. Received 31 March 2026, covering letter and further analysis on ballot paper preferences, which the Commission had undertaken to provide to the Committee at the public hearing for this inquiry.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.36 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 040* – Tuesday, 28 April 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.31 am.

5. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

5.1. The Committee discussed the inquiry and recommendations for a final report.

11. Close

11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.05 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 041* – Tuesday, 12 May 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair)

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.32 am.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

4.1. The Committee noted that the Government Response to the interim report was tabled on 5 May 2026 and has been published on the inquiry website.

4.2. The Committee noted that the secretariat is preparing a draft of the final report, which will be provided to the Chair in due course.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 9.48 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 042* – Tuesday, 19 May 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 9.37 am. The Chair joined the meeting shortly afterwards.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*

4.1. The Committee noted that the draft report was currently with the Chair for review.

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.45 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 043* – Tuesday, 2 June 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.33 am.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992*—report consideration

4.1. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

4.2. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.

4.3. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Chapter 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.14 – agreed to
Paragraph 2.15 – amended and agreed to
Paragraphs 2.16 to 2.57 – agreed to
Chapter 3 – agreed to

Recommendations 1 to 3 – agreed to
Appendices A to D – agreed to.

4.4. The Committee agreed that the Chair would table the report on Wednesday, 10 June 2026.

- 4.5. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided at least a day before tabling and they are not circulated to Members prior to tabling.
- 4.6. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 4.7. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 4.8. The Committee directed the secretariat to draft a further section for Chapter 2, and deferred final adoption of the report to the next meeting.

12. Close

- 12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.34 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting No. 044* – Friday, 5 June 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbins MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.32 am.

4. Inquiry into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and *Electoral Act 1992* – report consideration

- 4.1. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.
- 4.2. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.
- 4.3. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Chapter 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.15 – agreed to
Recommendation 1 – amended and agreed to
After paragraph 2.15 – a new paragraph inserted and agreed to
Paragraphs 2.16 to 2.74 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.75 and 2.76 – combined, amended and agreed to

Recommendations 2 to 4 – agreed to
After recommendation 4 – new heading, new paragraph and new recommendation inserted and agreed to
Paragraphs 3.1 and 3.1 – agreed to
Paragraph 3.3 – amended and agreed to
Appendices A to D – agreed to.

- 4.4. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to adopt the report, as amended.
- 4.5. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] that the Secretary be authorised to make minor formatting and typographical changes to the report to prepare it for printing, after its adoption by the Committee but prior to its presentation.

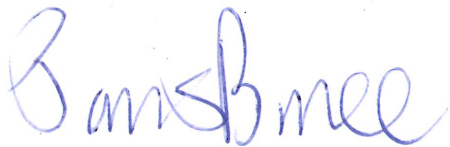
- 4.6. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided at least a day before tabling and they are not circulated to Members prior to tabling.
- 4.7. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 4.8. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 4.9. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to adopt the media release, as amended.

8. Close

- 8.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.49 am.

All minutes are signed by the Chair, except for Meeting 44, which is certified correct by the secretary.

[CERTIFIED CORRECT]



James Bunce
Committee Secretary
9 June 2026

