



Media release

Report released for the Inquiry into Caretaker Conventions

The Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions has tabled its report on its *Inquiry into Caretaker Conventions*.

Committee Chair, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA said the inquiry had examined concerns raised in the Assembly about the application of the caretaker conventions in the lead up to the 2024 ACT General Election.

‘It is important that there is clearer guidance to support ministers, public service officials and other Members of the Assembly to better understand what actions can appropriately be taken during the caretaker period,’ Mr Rattenbury said.

‘The Committee’s recommendations aim to improve transparency of executive decision-making, while maintaining the ability for government to flexibly and quickly adapt to urgent situations in the lead up to an election.’

The report made seven recommendations and three findings.

The Committee thanks those who participated in the inquiry, including government officials who attended two days of public hearings.

Under the Assembly’s standing orders, the government is required to respond to committee reports within four months of tabling.

The Committee’s report is available on the Assembly’s webpage: [Recent reports - ACT Legislative Assembly](#)

02 March 2026

STATEMENT ENDS

For further information, please contact:

- Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, chair – (02) 620 50005
- Ms Katie Langham, secretary – (02) 620 75498 or LACCommitteeCaretaker@parliament.act.gov.au