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MEDIA RELEASE

Electoral and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into the <u>Electoral and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2023</u>.

The terms of reference are available on the Committee website here.

The Bill proposes to amend the *Electoral Act 1992* to:

- amend the financial and donation reporting requirements by banning donations from foreign entities and introducing real time political donation reporting, among other changes;
- amend access and remove barriers to voting, including allowing for any voter to access early voting for 2 weeks prior to the election and providing for the use of overseas electronic voting for voters outside Australia, among other changes;
- support administrative efficiencies for Elections ACT to deliver elections and for political parties to meet their obligations under the Electoral Act; and
- amend rules around authorisation statements for the dissemination of electoral matter and party name registration.

The Bill will also amend the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013, Road Transport (Road Rules)*Regulation 2017 and the Road Transport (Offences) Regulation 2005 to:

- further restrict roadside electoral advertising, including further regulation of roadside corflutes; and
- introduce specific offences for roadside advertising using illegally parked or idling.

Information on how to make a submission is available on the Assembly website.

Submissions close 28 July 2023.

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