



Terms of Reference

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

On 4 December 2024, the ACT Legislative Assembly agreed to the following:

That the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders inquire into the operation of the 2024 ACT Election and the *Electoral Act 1992*, and other relevant legislation and policies concerning election-related matters, with particular reference to:

- (1) the report of the ACT Electoral Commissioner into the 2024 ACT Election;
- (2) voter engagement, including:
 - (a) the timeframe and accessibility of early voting;
 - (b) the number and location of ordinary polling places;
 - (c) the sufficiency of access to mobile voting places;
 - (d) increasing voter turnout and participation in elections and encouraging political activity; and
 - (e) expanding voter franchise;
- (3) the voting process, including:
 - (a) the implementation, security and transparency of electronic voting;
 - (b) vote exhaustion rates; and
 - (c) voting instructions, as provided by the ACT Electoral Commissioner;
- (4) political electoral activity, including:
 - (a) rules for the authorisation and regulation of electoral matter on digital platforms;
 - (b) restrictions on roadside signage;
 - (c) the operation of truth in political advertising provisions; and
 - (d) restrictions on campaigning activities outside polling places;
- (5) electoral funding, donations and expenditure, including:
 - (a) definitions of electoral matter and electoral expenditure;
 - (b) regulations pertaining to political donations, including in the context of electoral reforms made by the Commonwealth and South Australian Parliaments, and with respect to ensuring compatibility with the Australian Constitution's implied freedom of political communication; and
 - (c) public election funding; and
- (6) any other relevant matter.