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

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Dear Committee,

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

Thank you for this opportunity for input.

I just want to note that, in relation to the ACT Electoral Commission report's discussion about 'deepfakes' and similar, the Committee might want to consider the applicability of proposed sections 321M and 321MA from the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Communications) Bill 2024* (Cth).

This was a Bill introduced in the last federal Parliament by the Albanese Government, lapsing at the end of that Parliament. Ms Zali Steggall MP and Senator David Pocock both introduced a near-identical copy of the Bill a few weeks ago in the new federal Parliament. Details of each version of the Bill can be found on the Australian Parliament House website at:

- https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=r7279
- https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=r7348
- https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=s1461

Pages 28 to 34 of the Explanatory Memorandum of the Albanese Government's version may be of particular use.

I request that this submission please be kept anonymous. I consider this reasonable given that I have not provided an opinion or evidence, so any biases etc I might have are not relevant.

Sincerely,