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

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Submission by Civil Liberties Australia (ACTelect241222)

Due March 4 2025

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission. In relation to the terms of reference

2. Voter engagement appears to have been satisfactory (points a-e)

3. The voting process was efficient (points a-c). In our experience, the polls were well conducted. For the 2024 election, unrestricted access to early voting's the same as 2020, but the period for pre-poll voting were reduced from three weeks to two, from 19 days to 11. The number of early voting centres were been reduced from 15 to 11.

In our view, extended periods are preferable for voter convenience.

4. CLA applauds ACT Legislative Assembly for unanimously passed truth in political advertising laws that came into effect in July 2021. We look forward to an evaluation of their effectiveness.

5. Disclosure of political donations within a week on their receipt is necessary to reveal vested interests

6. CLA believes the ACT should move to at least 90% electronic voting, with voting by paper ballot the rare exception rather than the norm.

Ideally, voting would be possible from home or mobile electronic devices, from anywhere in the world if a person is on the roll of electors of the ACT.

Roadside signs should be NOT carry photos of candidates. A sign would instead read:

Vote Liberal No 022

Emily Pankhurst

Details: actelect2028/Liberal/022

7. Children aged 16-18 should be encouraged to vote on an accompanying 'poll' entitled something like: How you rank the important future issues, with a list of 6-10 (eg,

Heat island effect plantings increased

Road improvements

Wider/better bike paths

Solar and wind power c.f. other electricity sources

Fast train to Sydney

New sports stadium