



## **Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory**

Standing Committee on Administration  
and Procedure

# **Report on the conduct of Ms Vassarotti MLA**

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# About the committee

## Establishing resolution

The Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure Committee is established pursuant to Standing Order 16:

16. (a) A Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure is established at the commencement of each Assembly to:
  - (i) undertake self-referred inquiries or inquiries referred by the Assembly and, in addition, in the third year of an Assembly term the committee shall inquire into and report on the operation of the standing orders and continuing resolutions of the Assembly with a view to ensuring that the practices and procedures of the Assembly remain relevant and reflect best practice;
  - (ii) advise the Speaker on:
    - (A) Members' entitlements including facilities and services;
    - (B) the operation of the transcription service (Hansard);
    - (C) the availability to the public of Assembly documents;
    - (D) the operation of the Assembly library;
  - (iii) arrange the order of private Members' business and Assembly business; and
  - (iv) as required by continuing resolutions of the Assembly, consider, inquire and report on matters relating to citizen's right of reply, claims of parliamentary privilege, reports of the Commissioner for Standards and the Ethics and Integrity Adviser and the implementation of Latimer House Principles.
- (b) the Committee shall consist of:
  - (i) the Speaker;
  - (ii) the Government whip;
  - (iii) the Opposition whip; and
  - (iv) a representative of the crossbench (or if a single party, the whip of that party);
- (ba) Should a whip be unable to attend a meeting, the Party nominated deputy whip may attend in their place;
- (c) the Speaker shall be the Chair of the Committee; and
- (d) the Committee shall have the power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure appointed during the previous Assemblies.

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# Terms of Reference

## Continuing resolution 5AA

### Commissioner for Standards



This resolution provides for the appointment of a Legislative Assembly Commissioner of Standards.

#### Resolution agreed by the Assembly

**31 October 2013 (amended 3 August 2017, 22 August 2019 and 10 February 2022)**

#### Commissioner for standards

That this Assembly requests the Speaker to appoint a Legislative Assembly Commissioner for Standards on the following terms:

- (1) The Speaker must, after each Assembly is elected or whenever the office becomes vacant, appoint a Commissioner for the life of that Assembly and the period of six months after each election. The appointment is for the term of the Assembly and the period of six months after the election at the conclusion of that term. The Speaker may decide not to seek expressions of interest if only one term has been served by the Commissioner.
- (2) Before appointing a Commissioner, the Speaker must consult with the Chief Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and Crossbench Members.
- (3) The Commissioner may be dismissed only following a resolution of the Legislative Assembly resolving to require the Speaker to end the Commissioner's appointment—
  - (a) for misbehaviour; or
  - (b) for physical or mental incapacity, if the incapacity substantially affects the exercise of the Commissioner's functions.

However, a motion for such a resolution may only be debated after the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure ('the Committee') has reported to the Assembly that it is satisfied that the Commissioner is unfit for the office or unable to fulfil the Commissioner's functions.

- (4) The functions of the Commissioner are to:
  - (a) investigate complaints about Members lodged via the Clerk to the Commissioner;

- (b) report to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure; and
- (4A) The Committee will inquire into and report on any report provided to it by the Commissioner pursuant to subparagraph 4(b) of this resolution.
- (5) Anyone may make a complaint to the Commissioner via the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly about a Member's compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct or the rules relating to the registration or declaration of interests. The Integrity Commissioner established pursuant to the [Integrity Commission Act 2018](#) may also refer matters to the Commissioner for Standards for consideration via the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly about matters the Integrity Commissioner considers should be referred. *(Amended 22 August 2019)*
- (6) If the Commissioner receives a complaint about a Member pursuant to paragraph (5) and the Commissioner believes on reasonable grounds that—
- (a) there is sufficient evidence as to justify investigating the matter; and
  - (b) the complaint is not frivolous, vexatious or only for political advantage;
- the Commissioner may investigate the matter and report to the Committee. If the Commissioner considers that the complaint is more properly the purview of the Integrity Commissioner, the Commissioner shall refer the matter to the Integrity Commissioner.
- (7) In exercising the functions of Commissioner the following must be observed:
- (a) The Commissioner must not make a report to the Committee if the Member about whom the complaint was made has agreed that he or she has failed to register or declare an interest if —
    - (i) in the Commissioner's opinion the interest involved is minor or the failure was inadvertent; and
    - (ii) the Member concerned has taken such action to rectify the failure as the Commissioner may have required within any procedure approved by the Committee for this purpose.
  - (b) The Commissioner must not make a report to the Committee unless the Commissioner has—
    - (i) given a copy of the proposed report to the Member who is the subject of the complaint under investigation;
    - (ii) the Member has had a reasonable time to provide comments on the proposed report; and
    - (iii) the Commissioner has considered any comments provided by the Member.

- (c) If the Commissioner receives a complaint and the Commissioner believes on reasonable grounds that there is insufficient evidence to justify an investigation or that the complaint is frivolous, vexatious or only for political advantage, the Commissioner will inform the complainant that the matter will not be further investigated. The Commissioner will also inform (without revealing the complainant's identity or the nature of the complaint) both the committee and the Member the subject of the complaint that a complaint has been received but not further investigated. *(Inserted 10 February 2022)*
- (d) The Commissioner must report by 31 August each year to the Speaker on the exercise of the functions of the Commissioner.

## Continuing resolution 5

### Code of conduct for all members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

#### 5

This resolution provides for a code of conduct for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

#### **Resolution agreed by the Assembly**

**25 August 2005 (amended 16 August 2006, 24 October 2013, 3 August 2017, 30 July 2019 and 30 March 2021)**

The Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory acknowledge that, in a parliamentary democracy they cannot command, but must constantly strive to earn and maintain, the respect and support of those who have elected them to their positions of honour and privilege as Members.

In committing to this Code of Conduct, Members undertake, to the community and to one another, that they shall not act in a manner inconsistent with their duties and obligations as Members and that the following principles shall guide their conduct as Members in all matters:

- (1) Members should at all times act with integrity, honesty and diligence.
- (2) Members should act only in the interests of, and with respect for, the people of the Australian Capital Territory and in conformity with all laws applicable in the Territory.
- (3) Members should uphold the separation of powers and the rule of law
- (4) Members should always act in the public interest, make decisions and choices on merit, and not seek to gain financial or other benefit for themselves, their family or friends.
- (5) Members should be reasonably accessible to the people of the electorate they have been elected to serve, and should represent their interests conscientiously.
- (6) Members should be transparent in, and accountable for, their decisions and actions and should submit themselves to appropriate scrutiny.
- (7) Members should make only proper use of those public resources to which they have access and should do so in a manner designed to make effective and efficient use of those resources.



- (8) Members should respect the dignity and privacy of individuals, and not disclose confidential information to which they have official access other than with consent or as required by law.
- (9) Members should treat each other with courtesy and propriety, observe proper standards of parliamentary conduct, and observe respect for differences and fairness in their political dealings.
- (10) Members should promote and support these principles by leadership and example, in order to maintain and support public trust and confidence in the integrity of the Assembly and the conduct by its Members of public business.

Consistent with the above principles, Members further undertake that they should:

- (11) Treat all people with courtesy, and respect the diversity of their backgrounds, experiences and views.
- (12) Actively seek to avoid or prevent any conflict of interest, or the perception of such a conflict, arising between their duties as a Member and their personal affairs and interests, take all reasonable steps to resolve any such conflict or perception of a conflict that does arise, and:
  - (a) comply with section 15 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth);
  - (b) declare their private interests and those of their immediate family and ensure that their declaration is kept up to date, as required by Continuing Resolution 6 (as amended or replaced from time to time); and
  - (c) disclose at a time and in a manner appropriate to the circumstances any financial or non-financial interest that they may hold, or which they may be reasonably perceived to hold (other than as a member of the public or of a broad class of persons) and any friendship, relationship or other circumstance which a reasonable observer, informed of that matter, might perceive as giving rise to a conflict of interest with the performance of the Member's duty as a Member.
- (13) Ensure that outside occupational or other pursuits do not unreasonably impact on their duties as a Member.
- (14) Not solicit to undertake, or undertake, any activity as a Member in return for the provision, promise or expectation of any improper benefit to the Member or to another person, and not accept any inappropriate benefit in connection with their activity as a Member.
- (15) Take care to consider the rights and reputations of others before making use of their unique protection of parliamentary privilege consistent with the resolution of the

Assembly 'Exercise of freedom of speech' agreed to on 4 May 1995 (as amended or replaced from time to time).

- (16) Not use information received by them as a Member that is not in the public domain in breach of any obligation of confidence applicable to their receipt of that information unless required by law, or improperly for the private benefit of themselves or another person.
- (17) In their capacity as an employer on behalf of the Territory under the *Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989*:
  - (a) familiarise themselves and comply with the terms and conditions on which their personal staff are engaged and with all applicable policies and practices (including those related to occupational health and safety, discrimination, harassment and bullying, equal employment opportunity and use of information technology);
  - (b) not employ a family member as defined in that Act;
  - (c) take all reasonable steps to ensure that, as far as practicable, their personal staff are mindful of the Member's commitment to this Code of Conduct, and assist the Member to comply with this Code of Conduct; and
  - (d) not seek to require or encourage their personal staff to engage in any conduct that may amount to a breach of any code of conduct applicable to those staff from time to time.
- (18) In all their dealings with staff of the Assembly, staff of other Members and members of the ACT Public Sector:
  - (a) extend professional courtesy and respect;
  - (b) act consistently with accepted workplace conduct standards; and
  - (c) recognise the unique position of impartiality and the obligations of public sector officials, including members of the ACT Public Service .
- (19) Only make a complaint about the compliance of another Member with this Code of Conduct where they believe there are reasonable grounds to suspect non-compliance and not make any such complaint that is frivolous or vexatious or only for political advantage.
- (20) Cooperate fully with any official inquiry that may be commenced in connection with their compliance with this Code of Conduct, or that of another Member.
- (21) Within the first six months after an election for the Assembly, the Assembly shall reaffirm its commitment to the principles, obligations and aspirations of the code.

- (22) Where a member who had not voted on the most recent reaffirmation required under clause (21) is elected to the Assembly, that member shall, before he or she makes an inaugural speech or otherwise participates in parliamentary processes, affirm that he or she will abide by the code.
- (23) At the end of each Assembly the Code of Conduct shall be reviewed by a suitably qualified person, appointed by the Speaker, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure.

## About this inquiry

Under Continuing Resolution 5 and 5AA, complaints against Members who may have breached the Members Code of Conduct (The Code) can be raised with the Commissioner for Standards, who will determine if an investigation is required, and if so, provide a report of the investigation to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure (The Committee).

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# Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that, apart from recommendation 2, no further action be taken against Ms Vassarotti.

## Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that Ms Vassarotti apologise in the Chamber for the inappropriate use of Assembly resources for political messaging after the report is considered by the Assembly.

## Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that all Members ensure that official email addresses are used only for official work purposes, and that all staff working in their offices have received training regarding appropriate content to be sent from offices, including the correct office approval processes for political and official communications.

## Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that, should Members be uncertain as to whether an item of correspondence or interaction is in line with the Code of Conduct and the Members' Guide, the advice of the Ethics and Integrity Advisor should be sought.

# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. On 30 March 2023 the Commissioner for Standards received a complaint from the Speaker concerning an email apparently issued by “Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, ACT Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services”. The Commissioner notes that the:

email invited the recipient or recipients to attend a “Snap Rally on the Housing Crisis” on 27 March 2023 and join the Greens and Senate cross bench in calling for the Federal Government to do more. The email mentioned the time and place of the rally and provided a link for more information. The main text of the email concluded with the words, “Regards, Your ACT Greens Assembly Team.” This was followed by:

- a photograph of six Members of the Assembly, including Ms Vassarotti under the caption, “MLA UPDATE WITH YOUR ASSEMBLY GREENS TEAM”;
- a notation that the email had been authorised by Ms Vassarotti; and
- a statement that “ You have been subscribed to this email as you recently signed up to receive updates from ACT Greens” and a link permitting recipients to update preferences or unsubscribe.

- 1.2. Additionally, the use of the Minister’s email address “VASSAROTTI@parliament.com.au”, and the inclusion of a ministerial title, gives the impression that the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services had endorsed the rally, and may be a breach of the Code of Conduct for all Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory. (The Code).
- 1.3. The Commissioner conducted an investigation into the matter and provided his report to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure on Tuesday, 4 April 2023.
- 1.4. A copy of the Commissioner’s report is attached at Appendix A.

## 2. Conduct of the Commissioner's inquiry

- 2.1. The Commissioner's investigation was conducted in accordance with the protocols adopted by the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure on 24 March 2015 (revised August 2017, August 2019 and February 2022).
- 2.2. The Commissioner wrote to Minister Vassarotti on 2 April 2023, in relation to the issues raised in the complaint, including:
  - the use of the email address, "VASSAROTTI@parliament.com.au"; and
  - the sources of the email addresses of recipients and, in particular, if they had been derived from correspondence received in her role as a Minister.
- 2.3. On 3 April 2023 Ms Vassarotti provided a response to the Commissioner acknowledging that the email sent from her office on 27 March 2023:
  - had political content and it was inappropriate to use the email address "VASSAROTTI@parliament.act.gov.au"; and
  - via mailchimp, an approved platform within the Executive Team, should not have included people who had contacted Greens MLAs because of their roles as Member representatives in the Legislative Assembly.
- 2.4. Minister Vassarotti further explained that a junior member in her office had sent the email "without her personal authorisation or approval via established processes.". The minister undertook an internal investigation once she became aware of the email later that same day, and has since taken the following actions:
  - advised the Chief Minister of the breach, advice received and actions taken;
  - apologised to the Chief Minister for the breach;
  - sought advice from the Ethics and Integrity Advisor regarding what had occurred and what additional action should be taken. Written advice was provided by the Ethics and Integrity Advisor. (A copy of the advice is attached at Appendix B).
  - counselled the staff member involved, including further education regarding appropriate activities within the office;
  - provided further training for all staff in the office regarding appropriate content to be sent from the office, including approval processes;
  - reviewed the approval processes in the office, with a view to strengthening these so that this is not an issue into the future.
- 2.5. As required, a copy of the Commissioner's report was provided to Ms Vassarotti who had no further comment to make in relation to the report.



### 3. The Commissioner's findings

3.1. The Commissioner found that the issues raised by the complaint “were entirely understandable”. He noted that Ministers’:

- need to be conscious of their roles and responsibilities within government and when making statements they should always remember that they are speaking on behalf of the government, not their political party;
- making public statements should be conscious of the need to avoid confusion about whether they are speaking as a Minister or as a member of a political party; and
- when their name is immediately followed by a reference to ministerial positions that they hold, this will usually imply that they are speaking in that capacity; and
- people might be misled if ministerial responsibilities are used in such statements that were in fact merely intended to reflect personal views.

3.2. The Commissioner concluded:

In the present case, however, there is no reason to doubt the Minister’s explanation that the email was sent without her authorisation or knowledge and she has since apologised and taken reasonable steps to prevent anything of a similar nature occurring in the future. Hence, I am not satisfied that she committed any breach of the Code.

## 4. The Committee's consideration of the Commissioner's report and recommendations

- 4.1. The Committee, at its meeting on 6 April 2023 and in accordance with continuing resolution 5AA, considered the report of the Commissioner for Standards relating to the alleged inappropriate use of Assembly resources by Ms Vassarotti.
- 4.2. The Committee agrees with the Commissioner's assessment. The Committee, in its discussion of the Commissioner's report, noted that:
- there is a grey area between political and parliamentary duties and the use of Assembly resources to fulfill these two roles;
  - Members' @parliament.act.gov.au email addresses are for official work purposes;
  - the use of contact details received by Members' for work purposes cannot be used for campaigning; and
  - although the Minister has apologised to the Chief Minister, she should apologise to the Assembly for the inappropriate use of contact details received for official purposes in her office being used to send a political message for the ACT Greens.

### Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that, apart from recommendation 2, no further action be taken against Ms Vassarotti.

### Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that Ms Vassarotti apologise in the Chamber for the inappropriate use of Assembly resources for political messaging after the report is considered by the Assembly.

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Joy Burch MLA

Chair

May 2021

# Appendix A: Report of the Commissioner for Standards

## COMPLAINT AGAINST MS REBECCA VASSAROTTI MLA

1. On 30 March 2023 I received a letter of complaint from the Speaker concerning an email apparently issued by “Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, ACT Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services”. The email invited the recipient or recipients to attend a “Snap Rally on the Housing Crisis” on 27 March 2023 and join the Greens and Senate cross bench in calling for the Federal Government to do more. The email mentioned the time and place of the rally and provided a link for more information. The main text of the email concluded with the words, “Regards, Your ACT Greens Assembly Team.” This was followed by:
  - a photograph of six Members of the Assembly, including Ms Vassarotti under the caption, “MLA UPDATE WITH YOUR ASSEMBLY GREENS TEAM”;
  - a notation that the email had been authorised by Ms Vassarotti; and
  - a statement that “ You have been subscribed to this email as you recently signed up to receive updates from ACT Greens” and a link permitting recipients to update preferences or unsubscribe
2. The complaint notes that, whilst the email relates to a Greens party policy or campaign position, the email address and title gives the impression that the rally is endorsed by the Minister as Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services. The complaint also raises questions about the Minister’s use of the email address, “VASSAROTTI@parliament.com.au” rather than “vassarotti@act.gov.au”, which is the email address listed for her on the Assembly website. Despite the assertion that recipients had been recently signed up to receive updates from the ACT Greens, it is suggested that at least some addresses may have been inappropriately captured by the use of an external server such as “mailchimp” or taken from correspondence received by the Minister in her official capacity. It is suggested that the issue of the email may have involved breach of the *Code of Conduct for all Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory*. (The Code).
3. I wrote to the Minister on 2 April 2023, inviting her response to all of the issues raised in the complaint, including the use of the email address, “VASSAROTTI@parliament.com.au” rather than “vassarotti@act.gov.au”, the sources of the email addresses of recipients and, in particular, the question of whether any were derived from correspondence she had received in her role as a Minister.

4. The Minister responded on 3 April 2023, acknowledging that it had been inappropriate for the email to have been sent from her office since it was political in nature. She also acknowledged that it should not have been sent to recipients whose email addresses had been derived from a list of people who had contacted Greens MLAs in relation to work undertaken by such Members in the Legislative Assembly.
5. The letter explains, however, that the email had been sent out on 27 March by a junior member of her staff without her personal authorisation or approval via established processes. She became aware of the email later that day and, after an investigation, took the following action:
  - *The staff member in question was counselled, with further education provided regarding appropriate activities within the office;*
  - *Additional education has been provided to the whole staff team regarding appropriate content to be sent to the office, and appropriate approval processes;*
  - *A review of approval processes within the staff team and a strengthening of these approval processes.*
6. The letter explains that, given the nature of the action that occurred, the Minister also:
  - *Wrote to the Chief Minister, alerting him to the breach, the action that I had taken and advice on any additional action that was required (letter attached);*
  - *Sought advice from the internal Ethics Advisor regarding what had occurred and again seeking advice regarding any additional action that should be taken. This engagement resulted in written advice provided by the Ethics Advisor. (letter attached).*
7. The letter confirms that the email went out via mailchimp but states that she is advised that this is an approved platform within the Executive Team.
8. The Minister's response annexed a copy of a letter she had written to the Chief Minister on 27 March, the same day as the email was inappropriately despatched, informing him of what had occurred and tendering both an apology and an assurance that she would work with her office to ensure that nothing of a similar nature occurred in the future.

9. The concerns reflected in the complaint were entirely understandable. Ministers should always remember that in making statements as Ministers they speak on behalf of the government, not their political party. This does not mean that they are devoid of individual authority and responsibility. On the contrary, the doctrine of individual ministerial responsibility is central to the Westminster parliamentary system.<sup>1</sup> However, it is the government that it is collectively responsible to the people of the Australian Capital Territory through the Assembly and Ministers need to be conscious of their roles and responsibilities within the government. Members who hold ministerial portfolios may, of course, express views that reflect their own political allegiances, but in making public statements they should be conscious of the need to avoid confusion about whether they are speaking as a Minister or as a prominent member of a political party. People speaking as members of political parties may reasonably mention anything that they are or have been Ministers with relevant portfolio, but when their names are immediately followed by a reference to ministerial positions they currently hold that will usually imply that they are speaking in those capacities. Such statements might well be understood as reflecting government policy and people might be misled if the statements were merely intended to reflect personal views.
10. In the present case, however, there is no reason to doubt the Minister's explanation that the email was sent without her authorisation or knowledge and she has since apologised and taken reasonable steps to prevent anything of a similar nature occurring in the future. Hence, I am not satisfied that she committed any breach of the Code.
11. A draft copy of this report was sent to the Minister on 3 April 2023. She responded on 4 April 2023 indicating that she had no further comments to make.
12. I recommend that the complaint be dismissed.

Ken Crispin KC  
Commissioner for Standards  
4 April 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> see, for example, the discussion in Parliament of Australia, *Parliamentary Business*, at Chapter 1 Ministerial Responsibility 1.13 et seq. [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal\\_and\\_Constitutional\\_Affairs/Completed\\_inquiries/2004-07/migration/report/c01](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/Completed_inquiries/2004-07/migration/report/c01).

## **Appendix B: Correspondence to Minister Vassarotti from the Ethics and Integrity Adviser**

Dear Ms Vassarotti

I refer to our telephone conversation of yesterday and am now writing to record the advice I then provided to you.

You advised me that a junior member of your staff had issued an email in your name inappropriately alerting addressees to a political rally and had done so without your consent and without complying with protocols within your office for the issuance of such emails.

You advised me that, when you became aware of this, the staff member had been counselled, the attention of all staff had been drawn to the protocols of issuing materials in your name, and you had written to the Chief Minister apologising for the incident.

You asked me whether, consistent with your obligations as a Member under the Members' Code of Conduct, there was anything more that you should have done or should now do.

I advised you that I considered that the actions you had taken were appropriate and that, in my view, there was nothing more that you should do.

Office facilities, including email capacity, are provided to Members to allow them to perform their functions as Members. The Code requires that such facilities only be used for official purposes. That obligation extends to controlling the use of such facilities by staff on behalf the Member. It is accepted that staff can act for and on behalf of a Member where authorised to do so, and so it is appropriate that there be protocols for such use if case-by-case approval from the Member is not obtained. As your established protocols were not followed on this occasion, it was appropriate for you to counsel the officer concerned and to reinforce the protocols with all other staff. In the absence of anything to suggest that these measures will not be effective to control future issue of materials in your name, I consider that there is nothing more that you need to do at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you require additional advice on this or any other matter.

Yours sincerely

**Stephen Skehill**

**Ethics and Integrity Adviser to Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory**

## Appendix C: Email sent from the office of Minister Vassarotti

**From:** Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, ACT Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services

<[VASSAROTTI@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:VASSAROTTI@parliament.act.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Monday, 27 March 2023 1:47 PM

**To:** [david.smith.mp@davidsmith.org.au](mailto:david.smith.mp@davidsmith.org.au)

**Subject:** Event: Snap Rally on the Housing Crisis 🏠



Yuma,

We are in the middle of the worst homelessness, social and affordable housing crisis in decades.

The Federal Labor Government's housing bill currently before the Senate will see the housing crisis get worse. We need to demand real action.

Please join the Greens and the Senate cross bench in calling for the Federal Government to do more.

**WHAT:** Housing Rally



**WHERE:** The Lawns Of Parliament House

**WHEN:** 11:30am, Tuesday 28 March 2023

For more information: <https://fb.me/e/2Mhn24Eu5>

We'd love it if you can share this in your networks! Stay tuned for our next newsletter where we'll be sharing some of what we've been doing to improve housing in Canberra.

Regards,

**Your ACT Greens Assembly Team**



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