MEDIA RELEASE

Have your say on the Voting Age

The Legislative Assembly is considering a Bill that would require people aged 16-17 years to vote in Territory elections, and Canberrans are invited to have their say.

Justice and Community Safety Committee has been asked to conduct an inquiry on the [Electoral Amendment Bill 2021](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_65354/), and present recommendations to the Assembly, before the Bill is debated.

People can participate in the inquiry by completing an [online survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVV29PV) (available at **bit.ly/ACT-voting-age**) or [making a submission](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/Getting-involved). Further information is available on the [committee webpage](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/committees/jcs/inquiry-into-electoral-amendment-bill-2021).

The Chair of the committee, Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, said ‘We look forward to hearing what Canberrans think about the voting age. This is a valuable opportunity for community views to inform the Assembly debate on this Bill.’

Submissions close on **28 January 2022**, and the online survey closes on **7 February 2022**.

The committee will conduct a public hearing on 3 February 2022, and must report back to the Assembly by 3 March 2022.

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STATEMENT ENDS.

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