



## PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

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## Committee makes recommendations to improve NSW state elections

Conducting elections in an accountable and transparent way builds public confidence in our electoral system and democracy. As part of this, it's important to consider how things worked during previous elections, and what can be improved for future elections.

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters has released a report on the administration of the 2023 NSW state election, with 26 recommendations and five findings to improve the way state elections are conducted.

The Committee's recommendations cover areas including rules for the funding of candidates and political parties; early voting; overseas and postal voting; vote counting; and election day operations. The Committee has also made recommendations to improve the voting experience of people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and voters with a disability.

"Our recommendations aim to improve the running of future state elections, and the voting experience of all people in our community", said Committee Chair, the Hon Peter Primrose MLC.

The Committee also considered whether truth in political advertising laws would improve the integrity of our electoral system.

"We found that truth in political advertising laws would not be an effective way to respond to misinformation about state elections. While there is some support for truth in political advertising laws, we heard that there are practical difficulties with implementing these laws," said Mr Primrose.

The Committee also looked at proposals to change laws banning political donations from property developers to close perceived loopholes, and found that there is no clear evidence that the changes are needed.

The Committee received 38 submissions and heard from 33 witnesses during two days of hearings.

The report can be found on the inquiry [webpage](#).

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