



**REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS –  
ADEQUACY OF FUNDING ALLOCATION OF THE NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
FOR THE 2023 STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

A resolution was passed in the Legislative Council on 11 November 2021 that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (**Committee**) inquire into the 'Adequacy of the funding allocation for the NSW Electoral Commission for the 2023 State General Election'. The Committee released its report (**Report**) on 23 November 2022.

The Government acknowledges the critical role of the NSW Electoral Commission (**NSWEC**) in ensuring robust, fair and democratic elections. The Government recognises the importance of having a strong, well-funded NSWEC for this purpose and notes the recommendation made by the Committee.

Treasury is currently working with the NSWEC to 're-baseline' the level of funding provided to the NSWEC to identify funding requirements in election and non-election years.

The NSWEC's budget proposals, including those that relate to re-baselining funding or which address any structural underfunding, will be considered by the Government as part of the 2023-2024 budget process.