



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Extracts from Votes and Proceedings no 12, Thursday 22 June 2023

16 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Mr Ron Hoenig moved, by leave, That the following motions for the establishment of Parliamentary committees and the appointment of members be agreed to:

(7) Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

That:

- (1) A Joint Standing Committee, to be known as the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed.
- (2) The Committee inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister that relate to:
 - (a) The following electoral laws:
 - (i) Electoral Act 2017 (other than Part 3);
 - (ii) Electoral Funding Act 2018; and
 - (iii) Those provisions of the Constitution Act 1902 that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council (other than sections 27, 28 and 28A);
 - (b) The administration of and practices associated with the electoral laws described at (a).
- (3) All matters that relate to (2) (a) and (b) above in respect of the 25 March 2023 State Election, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make. The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry within 18 months of the date of this resolution being agreed to by both Houses.
- (4) The Committee consist of ten members, as follows:
 - (a) Five members of the Legislative Assembly, and
 - (b) Five members of the Legislative Council.
- (5) Mr Stephen Bali, Mr Nathan Hagarty, Mrs Sally Quinnell, Ms Janelle Saffin, and Mr Tim James be appointed to serve on such committee as the members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the Committee, any four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that the Committee meets as a joint committee at all times.
- (7) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (8) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint five of its members to serve with the members of the Legislative Assembly upon the Committee, and to fix a time and place for the first meeting.

Question put and passed.

Extracts from Minutes of Proceedings no 15, Thursday 29 June 2023

23 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

On the order of the day being read for consideration of the Legislative Assembly's message of 22 June 2023 relating to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters—

Mr Graham (on behalf of Ms Sharpe) moved, without notice:

- (1) That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 22 June 2023 relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters with the following amendment, in which the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly is requested:

In paragraph (4)(b) omit "five members of the Legislative Council" and insert instead "six members of the Legislative Council".

- (2) That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be Mr Borsak, Ms Faehrmann, Mr Farraway, Mr Nanva, Mr Primrose and Mr Rath.
- (3) That this House requests that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly set the time and place of the first meeting.

Question put and passed.

Mr Graham then moved, according to standing order: That a message be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly conveying the terms of the resolution agreed to by the House.

Question put and passed

Extracts from Votes and Proceedings no 22, Tuesday 12 September 2023

23 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS—CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MESSAGE

Mr Ron Hoenig moved;

- (1) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standing Orders, the House agree to the Legislative Council's proposed amendment to the resolution of the House of 22 June 2023 appointing a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, namely, that paragraph (4) (b) of the resolution be amended by omitting 'Five members of the Legislative Council' and inserting instead 'Six members of the Legislative Council'.
- (2) That a message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the terms of this resolution.

Question put and passed.

Extracts from Votes and Proceedings no 39, Thursday 30 November 2023

17 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr Ron Hoenig moved:

- (1) That the resolution of the House of 22 June 2023 establishing the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be amended by replacing paragraph (3), with:
 - (3) All matters that relate to (2) (a) and (b) above in respect of the 25 March 2023 State Election, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make, including:
 - (i) Whether other entities and individuals whose business relates to property development should be prohibited from making political donations.

- (ii) Whether it is necessary to address the risk of property developers making political donations through shell companies.
- (iii) Whether truth in political advertising laws for New South Wales state elections would enhance the integrity and transparency of the electoral system, taking into account any implications of the Commonwealth's Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023.

The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry within 18 months of the date of this resolution being agreed to by both Houses.

- (2) That a message be sent informing the Legislative Council of the resolution of the House and requesting its concurrence with the amendment to the terms of reference of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

Debate ensued.

Ms Kobi Shetty, by leave, also spoke to the motion.

Question put and passed.

Extracts from Minutes of Proceedings No 39, Thursday 30 November 2023

49 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY — JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Legislative Assembly:

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) That the resolution of the House of 22 June 2023 establishing the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be amended by replacing paragraph (3), with:
 - (3) All matters that relate to (2) (a) and (b) above in respect of the 25 March 2023 State Election, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make, including:
 - i. Whether other entities and individuals whose business relates to property development should be prohibited from making political donations.
 - ii. Whether it is necessary to address the risk of property developers making political donations through shell companies.
 - iii. Whether truth in political advertising laws for NSW state elections would enhance the integrity and transparency of the electoral system, taking into account any implications of the Commonwealth's Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023.

The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry within 18 months of the date of this resolution being agreed to by both Houses.

- (2) That a message be sent informing the Legislative Council of the resolution of the House and requesting its concurrence with the amendment to the terms of reference of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

30 November 2023

Speaker

Ms Sharpe moved, without notice: That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 30 November 2023 amending the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of 22 June 2023 establishing the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ms Sharpe, then moved, according to standing order: That a message be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly conveying the terms of the resolution agreed to by the House.

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36 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

The Assistant Speaker reported the following message from the Legislative Council:

MR SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 30 November 2023 amending the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of 22 June 2023 establishing the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

Legislative Council

BEN FRANKLIN

30 November 2023

President