



## PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

### Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

#### **Inquiry into proposals to increase voter engagement, participation and confidence**

##### **Terms of reference**

1. That the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquire into and report on proposals to increase voter engagement, participation and confidence, including reforms to:
  - a. Maintain confidence in the integrity of electoral processes.
  - b. Strengthen the security and integrity of the electoral system.
  - c. Reduce barriers to participation, in particular for voters with disabilities and voters from groups with historically lower enrolment and turnout rates.
  - d. Implement options for technology assisted voting (TAV) as set out in the NSW Electoral Commission's November 2023 report on TAV.
  - e. Improve systems for political donations, electoral funding and party governance, including as recommended in the Independent Commission Against Corruption's report on political donations facilitated by Chinese Friends of Labor in 2015 (Operation Aero).
  - f. Amend electoral laws in relation to electoral funding and political parties, including in relation to:
    - i. Allowable Administrative Fund expenditure under section 84 of the *Electoral Funding Act 2018*;
    - ii. Residence requirements for political party officials; and
    - iii. Expenditure of the Election Campaigns Fund within New South Wales.
  - g. Any other related matters.
2. That the Committee report by 30 June 2025.

