

The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC
Treasurer



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Your ref: D25/055113

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
NSW Parliament House
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Re: Response to the Report no 3/58 of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Appropriation for the services of the NSW Electoral Commission for the 2025-2026 financial year

Dear Mr Primrose 

Thank you for writing to seek my response to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters' report "*Appropriation for the services of the NSW Electoral Commission for the 2025-2026 financial year*".

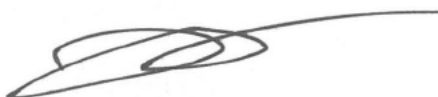
I note the Committee's findings in the report. I also note the recommendation to provide more details on the Electoral Commission's funding and budget proposals, and to allocate additional funding to support the implementation of recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters that have been supported by the Government.

As submitted to this Committee previously, the amount appropriated to the New South Wales Electoral Commission was \$118,732,807 for the 2025-26 financial year. This amount includes new measures and other adjustments, which deteriorated the Budget Result by \$160.9 million over five years and \$212.5 million over the planning years. Most of the impact is driven by additional funding for the 2027 State General Election which was referenced in section 1.16 of your committee's report. The increased funding for the Electoral Commission and other essential services has been achieved without privatisation or a wages cap.

I also note, as per the Charter of Independence for NSW integrity agencies (TD24-12), which took effect in August 2024, efficiency dividends have not been imposed on the NSW Electoral Commission.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely



Daniel Mookhey MLC
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Date: 16/12/25