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### *Public hearing – Administration of the 2019 NSW State Election*

What were the issues raised by stakeholders on the running of this year's NSW State Election? That is what the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will be looking at during upcoming public hearings for its inquiry into the administration of the 2019 NSW State election.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Lee Evans MP, announced that the Committee will be holding a public hearing on 18 November 2019.

"The Committee has received a number of written submissions from stakeholders that cover a range of matters from early voting options, to polling booth matters, to electoral funding and expenditure laws" said Mr Evans. "Our public hearings give us the opportunity to explore the issues in more detail and pinpoint where improvements may be needed".

The Committee will hear from political parties, a panel of third party campaigners and from the NSW Electoral Commissioner, Mr John Schmidt. It is expected that another hearing will be held at a later date to hear from further stakeholders regarding online voting, accessibility and other issues.

The 18 November hearing will be held at Parliament House, Sydney, starting at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee's webpage at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committee-details.aspx?pk=181#tab-inquiries> or by contacting the Committee Manager, Elspeth Dyer, on (02) 9230 2214.

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