

**Submission  
No 28**

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2023 NSW STATE ELECTION AND OTHER  
MATTERS**

**Name:** Ms Janine Kitson

**Date Received:** 29 February 2024

Dear Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

I stood as a candidate for the NSW Legislative Assembly Election in the March 2023 NSW Election, as an independent and self funded candidate.

I discovered that I may have been disqualified because I held "an office of profit under the Crown" with "a pension from the Crown".

As a retired teacher, I did not consider my superannuation from State Super SAS Trustee Corporation to be a "pension from the Crown" as I have made a significant financial contribution to that superannuation fund over my over 30 year career as a public school teacher.

However, State Super SAS Trustee Corporation informed me that my:

"current SSS pension arose from being a Crown employee with the department of Education. It is our opinion that your SSS pension would be taken to be a pension taken from the Crown for the purposed of Section 13B of the Constitution Act 1902 NSW".

I ask that this disqualification clause of receiving a pension from the Crown be removed for future candidates standing for election to the NSW Parliament. It penalises retired public school teachers from standing for office in a NSW State Election.

Please contact me if I can assist you more with my petition to remove this disqualification clause.

Yours sincerely

Janine Kitson

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