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MEDIA RELEASE

Parliamentary committee to examine the conduct of elections under COVID-19 conditions in New South Wales

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A parliamentary committee is inquiring into the conduct of elections in New South Wales. In particular, the Upper House inquiry is examining elections conducted under COVID-19 conditions, including the local government elections held on 4 December 2021 and the four New South Wales State by-elections held on 12 February 2022.

Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC said: 'The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the conduct of elections in New South Wales, resulting in an expanded use of postal votes, as well as the NSW Electoral Commission's electronic voting platform, iVote.'

The Chair continued: 'Given the centrality of elections to the democratic process in New South Wales, it is important we understand the full effect of the decision to expand these voting methods and consider the appropriateness of their future use in a general election. The committee will also be looking at the adequacy of material alerting voters to the February State by-elections, particular how this was communicated to non-English speaking communities.'

Submissions close **15 July 2022** and can be [lodged online](#).

If you have a question about how you can make a submission, please contact the committee secretariat on 02 9230 2282 or email elections@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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