

INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (ELECTIONS) BILL 2025

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1. I am supportive of shortening pre-poll to one week. This makes it manageable for candidates who are also working or have other commitments on their time which should lead to more diverse candidates
2. I am supportive of reducing the number of pre-poll locations but for accessibility it may make sense to combine locations outside the LGA. Also facilitating absentee voting or secure electronic voting would also be preferred to bring out the vote
3. Further work is required to decide on best way to replace candidates. Groups are already a questionable mechanism for encouraging the best candidate for Councillor
4. Giving the NSW Electoral Commission regulatory control of elections makes sense. However consideration to being able to contract the AEC or others may make the current service offered more competitive.