

## **Committee canvasses models for possible Upper House electoral reform**

The Victorian Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee has released a discussion paper on options for Upper House reform, as part of a public inquiry beginning this month.

The inquiry is considering possible reforms to Victoria's Upper House electoral system and is due to report to the Parliament by December 2025.

The Committee called for changes to the Upper House voting system in its final report on the conduct of the 2022 Victorian state election, tabled in July this year.

The Committee recommended a similar voting system to the one used for the Commonwealth Senate. This would include eliminating group voting tickets, allowing voters to indicate multiple preferences above the line.

The discussion paper outlines six possible new models to elect the Victorian Upper House.

Currently there are eight electoral regions for the Upper House, with five members elected for each region.

The discussion paper outlines six new models for voting, including changing to four 10-member regions, increasing the size of the Legislative Council to 49 members and electing seven members from each of seven regions, as well as models where regions are eliminated and members are elected by the whole state.

You can download the discussion paper, sign up for emailed news alerts and find out more about the inquiry at the Committee's [website](#).