



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA – COMMITTEES

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

59th Parliament

Inquiry into the Impacts of Social Media on Elections and Electoral Administration

On 19 March 2020 the Legislative Assembly agreed to the following motion:

That this House refers an inquiry into the impact of social media on Victorian elections and Victoria's electoral administration to the Electoral Matters Committee for consideration and report no later than 30 June 2021 and the Committee should consider:

- 1) the impact of social media technologies on the Victorian electoral process, focusing on how social media platforms are used for political communication and whether current regulations regarding the authorisation of political content on social media are appropriate;
- 2) whether online electoral advertising is appropriately regulated in Victoria; and
- 3) how social media and new communications technologies are used by the Victorian Electoral Commission and the Parliament to engage Victorians and improve knowledge of electoral processes.