



Inquiry into the impact of social media on elections and electoral administration

Electoral Matters Committee

Have your say

The Electoral Matters Committee is looking at the impact of **social media** and **online advertising** on **Victorian state elections**.

We're asking people to share their experiences and ideas on these issues by making an online submission or sending us a written submission. We'd like to hear about:

- How are candidates, political parties and others using social media and online advertising in Victorian elections?
- How is social media changing elections?
- What problems have you seen with social media and online advertising around elections?
- Should the government introduce more regulation in this area? Are there other things the government should be doing?
- How could the Victorian Electoral Commission and Parliament better use social media regarding electoral processes?
- Any other issues related to the topic.

Any person or organisation can make a submission to the Committee.

We're also inviting people to take a survey on our website about different actions the government might consider.

Making a submission

Submissions add to the Committee's knowledge and understanding of the issues and may influence the Committee's recommendations. By making a submission you are providing important input into the work of the Parliament of Victoria.

Your submission might include relevant experiences, facts or suggested solutions to the issues the Committee is considering. Submissions can be made by email, post or through our online eSubmission form.

Submissions are public documents unless you request confidentiality. Requests for confidentiality will be considered but cannot be determined in advance.

Closing date

Our closing date for submissions is 30 September 2020. This date may be subject to change, so please check our website to confirm.

Public hearings

Some individuals and groups will be invited to talk with us at public hearings later this year. Anybody is welcome to be in the audience at a public hearing.

Public hearings will be held in late 2020. Locations, dates and times will be published on our website.

Report

The Committee will table a report in Parliament at the end of the inquiry. The report is due by June 2021.

What should I include in my submission and how should I format it?

Each inquiry has terms of reference which set out the issues the Committee will consider. These can be found on the Committee's website or obtained from the Committee's office.

Your submission should address one or more parts of the terms of reference and include facts, opinions, recommendations or suggested solutions.

Your submission can be a letter, paper, report, presentation or simply an email.

Submission tips:

- make your submission brief, clear and readable
- include additional material if appropriate
- make it clear who the submission is from.

About the Committee

The Electoral Matters Committee is a parliamentary committee responsible for looking into and reporting on:

- parliamentary elections and referendums in Victoria
- local government elections
- any other issue relating to electoral matters.

Recent inquiries

Recent inquiries conducted by the Committee include:

- Inquiry into the conduct of the 2018 Victorian state election
- Inquiry into civics and electoral participation in Victorian state parliamentary elections
- Inquiry into electronic voting.

Contact us

For up-to-date information about this inquiry, please scan the QR code below to view the inquiry web page or visit our website and follow the links.



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