



# ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### INQUIRY INTO THE 2010 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Parliament of Victoria's Electoral Matters Committee is currently inquiring into the conduct of the 2010 Victorian state election and matters related thereto.

The Committee has made strong progress since receiving this reference from the Legislative Assembly in February 2011. The inquiry has received over 20 submissions from interested individuals across Victoria and Australia, including political parties, commentators and the Victorian Electoral Commission. The Committee also held two interesting days of public hearings in August 2011. Following this the Committee began drafting report chapters and discussing the inquiry's key issues.

Mr Bernie Finn MLC, Chair and Member for Western Metropolitan region, believes this inquiry is taking place at a significant point in Victoria's electoral history. Mr Finn noted:

"There is considerable debate about electoral reform across Australia at present. Several jurisdictions, including Victoria, have recently introduced major changes to their electoral systems and the jury is still out as to whether these changes will ultimately encourage greater electoral participation".

In particular, during its initial deliberations, the Committee has considered or will consider the following issues:

- a) Electronic voting;
- b) The integrity of the electoral roll;
- c) Optional preferential voting; and
- d) The effectiveness of automatic electoral enrolment.

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