

## **Call for pre-election reform to Upper House voting**

The Electoral Matters Committee inquired into Victoria's Upper House electoral system following its earlier recommendation for Victoria's Upper House to eliminate group voting tickets and allow voters to choose multiple preferences above the line.

"The overwhelming sentiment from the evidence that was heard is that Group Voting Tickets have had their day," said Committee Chair Dylan Wight.

The Committee has also recommended the adoption of the weighted inclusive Gregory method for surplus vote transfers and improving the referendum process.

"These changes can be made easily and immediately by the Parliament to improve our electoral system," Mr Wight said.

The Committee recommended a second step, following the 2026 election, to establish a new process to consider and negotiate different views about the best electoral structure for Victoria's Upper House.

This may involve an expert panel, a citizens' assembly or a constitutional convention that could pave the way for a referendum giving the people of Victoria the final say on changes to the structure of the Upper House.

The report is available on the Committee's [website](#).