

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Electoral Matters Committee

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## **Electronic voting inquiry seeks community input**

The Victorian Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee is inviting the community to have a say on electronic voting.

"We are calling for public submissions on our new inquiry so that voters get the opportunity to let us know what they think about electronic voting," said Committee Chair, the Hon Louise Asher MP.

Under the inquiry's terms of reference, the Committee will investigate

- the forms of electronic voting currently utilised in Victoria and other jurisdictions and their effectiveness; and
- alternatives that are available that if implemented would ensure the continued integrity and security of the electronic voting system.

Submissions are due by 1 July 2016 and public hearings are planned at Parliament House Melbourne for 22 and 24 August 2016.

"We will be collecting evidence from organisations that have experience with electronic voting," Ms Asher said.

"At the same time we want the community to provide input so that the recommendations we make reflect community attitudes towards electronic voting," she said.

"This is a timely inquiry as we approach the mid-way point of this parliamentary term."

The Committee is placing newspaper advertisements calling for submissions and is also using social media to invite community input.

More information on the inquiry is available from the Committee's website.

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