

# Statement by the Chairperson

18 August 2024

## Response to a statement issued by the Liberal Party of Australia, New South Wales Division

Earlier today, the Liberal Party of Australia, New South Wales Division, released a statement saying that it was:

“calling on the NSW Electoral Commission to reconsider its decision to refuse a request to extend the deadline for nominations for the 2024 NSW Local Government Elections following its own admission that it made an error and did not comply with the timeframe to provide formal notice under its own regulation before closing nominations”.

The statement appears to have been based on a misapprehension that it is the responsibility of the NSW Electoral Commission to publicise an election notice. Under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, it is the NSW Electoral Commissioner, as the election manager, not the NSW Electoral Commission ([a three-member statutory body](#)), who is charged with the relevant responsibility.

The Commissioner [has released a statement](#) explaining his decision concerning the request from the Liberal Party and his response to the Liberal Party’s statement and earlier correspondence.

The Hon Arthur Emmett AO KC  
**Chairperson of the NSW Electoral Commission**

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