

Statement by the Chairperson

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2024-25 Regulatory priorities published

The NSW Electoral Commission has published its regulatory priorities for 2024-25. The priorities have a focus on the 2024 Local Government elections including education to support compliance by political participants in the elections, greater transparency by publishing information about enforcement activities, and upholding the integrity of electoral processes and safe elections.

This is the NSW Electoral Commission's third annual set of regulatory priorities. They highlight where strategic regulatory efforts of the Commission will, subject to its budgetary constraints, be directed during the year ahead to optimise the efficiency and value of the Electoral Commission's legislated regulatory function and ensure responses to non-compliance are targeted and proportionate.

The Electoral Commission's regulatory priorities for 2024-25 are:

1. Deliver focused education initiatives for election participants and provide relevant and timely information to support their compliance.
2. Support privacy by educating authorised recipients of enrolment information about managing personal data securely.
3. Improve the transparency of our enforcement activities to raise awareness among political participants about their obligations and to reduce future non-compliance.
4. Uphold the integrity of elections by responding in a timely manner to material that may mislead the community about electoral processes in New South Wales.
5. Support voting in person at elections in New South Wales to be safe and free of interference, including for election officials working at polling places.

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

Background Information

The development of the 2024-25 regulatory priorities was informed by an assessment of legislated regulatory functions and current and future events. Taking this approach supports the Electoral Commission in identifying and responding better to emerging issues and legislative change, while also reflecting key events in the election cycle. This is the third set of regulatory priorities published by the Electoral Commission.

Information about the Electoral Commission's 2024-25 regulatory priorities is available in *Regulatory priorities 2024-25*, published on the [Electoral Commission website](#).

About the NSW Electoral Commission

The NSW Electoral Commission is constituted by three members, one of whom is the NSW Electoral Commissioner. The Electoral Commission's Chairperson is the Hon Arthur Emmett AO KC, a former judge of the Federal Court of Australia and of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. The Electoral Commission is an independent statutory entity responsible for maintaining registers of NSW election participants with legislative electoral funding obligations, receiving and publishing disclosures of political donations and electoral expenditure, enforcing NSW electoral and lobbying legislation, undertaking and publishing research and guidance about electoral matters, maintaining the Register of Third-Party lobbyists and assessing applications for public funding by eligible State election participants.

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