



Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

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SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

The Legislative Council has referred the following Bill to the Committee for inquiry and report:

- **Electoral Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 25 of 2024)**

This Bill relates to the amendment of s.196 of the Electoral Act 2004, which reduces its scope, such that the amended s.196 will only prohibit the use of a candidate's name, likeness, or photograph, without the candidate's written consent, on how to vote cards.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Friday 21 February 2025**.

An advertisement calling for submissions will be placed in the three regional newspapers on Saturday, 18 January 2025.

The Bill can be accessed on the Parliament's website at:

<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/bills2024/electoral-amendment-bill-202425-of-2024>.

The Hansard transcript of the House of Assembly debate on this Bill of 6 August 2024 can be accessed at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0031/89266/Hansard-6-August-2024-House-of-Assembly-debate-on-the-Electoral-Amendment-Bill-2024-No.-25-of-2024.pdf.

The Hansard transcript of the Legislative Council debate on this Bill of 23 October 2024 can be accessed at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0030/89274/Hansard-23-October-2024-Legislative-Council-debate-on-the-Electoral-Amendment-Bill-2024-No.-25-of-2024.pdf.

Further information about the Committee can be found at the [Committee's webpage](#).

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to:-

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For further information, please contact the Committee Chair, Hon. Meg Webb MLC, on 0427 911 719.

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