

## South Australian Electoral Laws and Practices Committee

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On Monday 2 June 2014 South Australian Attorney-General, Minister for Justice Reform and Deputy Premier the Hon John Rau MP announced the establishment of an electoral reform committee.

The South Australian Government will introduce legislation to establish a joint committee to investigate elections and parliamentary reform, the Electoral Laws and Practices Committee.

The Electoral Laws and Practices Committee will be established for the life of the Parliament and will consist of members appointed from both houses.

The Committee will aim to ensure public confidence that elections, and associated practices and administration, operate honestly and in accordance with the current law.

When necessary, the Committee will inquire into, and report on:

- the conduct of parliamentary elections and referendums in South Australia;
- administration, operation and practices associated with laws relating to electoral matters, in particular the Electoral Act 1985; and
- any matters that are referred by the Minister responsible for the Electoral Act 1985.

The membership of the Committee will be established as a cross-party committee and will include independent and smaller party members.

To form the committee, the House of Assembly and Legislative Council must each appoint at least:

- one member from the group led by the Leader of the Opposition;
- one member from the group led by the Leader of the Government and;
- one member who does not belong to the group led by the Leader of the Opposition or the group led by the Leader of the Government.