

# Statement by the Chairperson

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## 2023-24 Regulatory priorities statement published

The NSW Electoral Commission has published its regulatory priorities for 2023-24. The priorities have a focus on strengthening transparency following the 2023 NSW State election, preparing to deliver the 2024 Local Government elections safely, and educating election participants about legislative reforms.

The Electoral Commission's regulatory priorities for 2023-24 are:

1. Enforce compliance with disclosure obligations, particularly those arising from the 2023 NSW State election.
2. Strengthen transparency through publication of data about compliance and enforcement activities concerning electoral funding and disclosures.
3. Provide regulated participants in upcoming NSW elections with access to useful and timely information about their key obligations.
4. Raise awareness among election participants about prohibited donors.
5. Maintain accuracy of registered political party membership information in the lead-up to the 2024 Local Government elections.
6. Respond to material that misleads electors about the electoral process and undermines integrity.
7. Support voting in person at NSW elections to be safe and free of interference, including for election officials working at polling places.
8. To support privacy, educate authorised recipients of enrolment information about handling personal data securely.

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

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## Background Information

The development of the 2023-24 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 second set of regulatory priorities published by the Electoral Commission.

Information about the Electoral Commission's 2023-2024 Regulatory Priorities is available in the 2023-24 Regulatory Priorities Statement on the [Electoral Commission website](#).

## **About the NSW Electoral Commission**

The Electoral Commission is constituted by three members, one of whom is the NSW Electoral Commissioner. The 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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