

ACT Electoral Commission statement listing boards, councils, committees, panels and other bodies that have been established by the agency for the purpose of advising the agency.

Redistribution committee

The [*Electoral Act 1992*](#) provides that a redistribution of electorates for the ACT Legislative Assembly must begin as soon as practicable after the third Saturday in October two years before the next general election is due.

A Redistribution Committee must be appointed by the Electoral Commission. The Committee consists of the ACT Electoral Commissioner, the ACT Planning and Land Authority, the Surveyor-General of the ACT and an appointed fourth member.

In making its proposed redistribution, the Redistribution Committee is bound by section 36 of the Electoral Act and section 67D of the Commonwealth *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*.

The Redistribution Committee considers public suggestions and comments before making a proposed redistribution. Maps showing the proposed boundaries and names of the electorates are published in a newspaper and exhibited at the office of the ACT Electoral Commission and on the Commission's website.

Disability advisory committee

The purpose of the committee is to provide an advisory mechanism to the Electoral Commissioner on strategies and resources to promote greater accessibility, inclusion and participation in the electoral process by voters with disabilities. In doing so, the committee takes into account the National Disability framework and relevant ACT Government policy.

The role of the committee is to meet regularly to advise the Electoral Commissioner on issues and strategies to ensure people with disabilities are empowered and able to vote.

Advice from the committee may be sought in relation to:

- Reviewing drafts of the Commission's information and education publications;
- Appropriate and effective channels for distribution of information to voters with disabilities in the ACT community;
- The appropriate use of terminology in electoral resources and publications;
- Strategies to improve the accessibility of polling places and the voting process; and
- User testing and evaluation of systems and resources established to assist voters with disabilities

The Commissioner uses the advice received to determine if the resources and systems meet community needs and are consistent with the high standards expected by the community for elections.

Members are invited to join based on being representatives of organisations that are key stakeholders within the community of voters with disabilities and/or their ability to represent that community on a personal level through lived experience.

There is no set term for membership. However, the Commission reviews membership every 2 years with the aim of achieving a membership that is genuinely representative of the community of voters with disabilities.

ICT steering committee

A steering committee is established for every Legislative Assembly election to oversee the Elections ACT ICT projects, consisting of the Electoral Commissioner, the Deputy Electoral Commissioner, the Elections ACT Elections Operations Manager, and senior representatives from Shared Services ICT. Following the 2016 election, the committee agreed to remain engaged and provide ICT guidance during the years between the 2016 and 2020 elections.