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Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council**

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Dear Senator *James*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to this inquiry. As the Minister for Electoral Affairs in Western Australia, I am responding on behalf of the Government.

The Western Australian Government acknowledges the challenges in conducting the forthcoming State election in a pandemic environment and have committed to making available whatever resources are required to ensure Western Australians are able to cast their vote in March 2021.

I have attached an extract that the Commissioner of the Western Australian Electoral Commission, Mr Robert Kennedy, recently gave as evidence in a hearing of the Legislative Assembly Community Development and Justice Standing Committee in Perth. The statement Mr Kennedy provided to the Committee outlines the preparations the Electoral Commission are making for the next State General Election. The statement is also available in electronic form from the Committee's website at www.parliament.wa.gov.au.

I hope this information is of assistance to the Committee's work.


Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
MINISTER FOR ELECTORAL AFFAIRS

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Att Excerpt from Statement for the Legislative Assembly Community Development and Justice Standing Committee