

Electoral (Electoral Commission Chairperson) Appointment 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026-201

made under the

Electoral Act 1992, section 12 (Appointment)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 12 of the *Electoral Act 1992* provides for the Speaker to appoint a member to the Electoral Commission. This instrument appoints Mr David Wayne Kalisch to the Chairperson position of the Electoral Commission. The appointment commences on 10 September 2026 and ends on 9 September 2031.

Section 12 (2) of the Electoral Act requires that, before a new member is appointed, the Speaker consult with the Chief Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and with the leader of any other registered party if at least 2 members of the Legislative Assembly are members of the party. The Speaker undertook this consultation and no objections to the proposed appointment were received.

Section 12 (3)(a) of the Electoral Act requires that the Speaker must not appoint a person as a member of the Electoral Commission unless satisfied that the person has extensive knowledge of, and experience in electoral systems or management or public administration or another area that is relevant to and consistent with the functions of a member of the Electoral Commission. The Speaker is satisfied that the appointment is consistent with this requirement.

Section 12 (3)(b) of the Electoral Act requires that the Speaker must not appoint a person unless the relevant Assembly committee agrees to the person's appointment. The relevant Assembly committee is the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Officer Holders. The Speaker has sought and received the agreement of that committee for the appointment to be made.

The instrument of appointment is a disallowable instrument.