
From the Editor

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this Edition of the *Australasian Parliamentary Review*. This volume reflects on several significant political and parliamentary developments that have occurred during the last two years – or that are emerging on the horizon. We hear from David Clune and Rodney Smith, from the University of Sydney, on the outcome and impact of the 2023 New South Wales (NSW) Election, and Andrew Cole, Parliament of South Australia, gives us his take on voter disengagement and the Voice to Parliament referendum. Kenneth Kitts, Professor of Politics from the University of North Alabama, also provides a useful refresher on elections in America, and Prasser makes the case against four-year terms for the Australian Parliament.

This volume also includes some insightful analysis on the comparative strengths and weaknesses of parliamentary petitions and committee inquiries in NSW from parliamentary officer and scholar Sabina Kozłowska, and Ben Reid, Parliament of Victoria, considers how data analysis can help us better understand electoral events. Alex Hickman, from the Parliament of Western Australia, shares thoughts on facilitating evidence by vulnerable witnesses to parliamentary committees and senior parliamentary officer Ramona Long, formerly of the Northern Territory Parliament and now at the Parliament of Tasmania, encourages us to ‘plant the seed’ when it comes to investing in parliamentary procedure education for Members.

The volume concludes with an introduction to a provocative new text on *Moral Disengagement* collated by Steve Davies, which invites us to share the difficult stories that reflect and capture what is really going on in the public sector in Australia, as a vehicle to the self-efficacy of public servants individually and collectively.

I express deep gratitude to all authors and reviewers involved in this publication and commend the contents to you.



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