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# Letter of transmittal



23 October 2015

The Hon Mal Brough MP  
Special Minister of State  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) for the year ending 30 June 2015.

The report has been prepared in accordance with section 17 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the requirements of subsection 70(1) of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

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## About this report

This report outlines the performance of the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) for the financial year ending 30 June 2015. It informs all Australians – including members of parliament, political parties, interest groups, candidates, electoral authorities, government departments and agencies, students, teachers and the media – about AEC activities and services and describes the AEC's performance against its outcome, programs, deliverables and key performance indicators in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2014–15.

The report accords with the requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act), the *Public Service Act 1999* and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet *Requirements for Annual Reports*.

There are seven sections:

1. **Year in review** – summary of key developments and trends, including a review by Electoral Commissioner, Mr Tom Rogers.
2. **About the AEC** – role, values, structure, outcome and programs.
3. **Performance reporting** – work and achievements for each AEC program with key performance indicators over three years.
4. **Governance and compliance** – internal and external measures of management, accountability and governance.
5. **Managing resources and assets** – the AEC workforce, information technology, asset and contract management.
6. **Financial reporting** – financial performance for 2014–15 including audited financial statements.
7. **Appendixes and references.**

Case studies throughout the report highlight details of particular developments, activities and outcomes for the year.

## Tools to assist readers

This publication has a table of contents, lists of figures and tables, an alphabetical index, a list of requirements, cross-references and a glossary.

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