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Dear Chair

Submission to the Electoral Review Expert Panel

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Electoral Review Expert Panel's (**Panel's**) review into Victoria's electoral and political donations systems.

On behalf of the Victorian Electoral Commission (**VEC**), I am pleased to provide the enclosed submission for the Panel's attention. The submission makes 60 recommendations, including minor technical matters, proposed fixes to various ambiguities and gaps identified through the operation of the systems, and more significant reform opportunities to strengthen the systems so they can continue to realise their important purpose in the future.

The submission is structured in 2 parts:

1. The background paper, which has been substantively shared with the Panel previously
2. The recommendations paper, which goes directly to the issues identified by the VEC.

This statutory review provides an important opportunity to improve the effectiveness of the current systems and I will welcome the Panel's findings and recommendations in due course.

My team and I remain available to speak to the submission and provide any additional information that may assist the Panel in its mission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fleming', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dana Fleming
Acting Electoral Commissioner