

# Awakening Democracy

CAPaD – the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy

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G'day members, supporters and friends

In this [Awakening Democracy](#), AGM report, + call for help with vacant positions, and more to read and watch.

## **AGM Report and outcomes**

It is wonderful that so many have rejoined and joined. Thank you. While ten had registered for the AGM only five logged in. This did give us a quorum. Peter Tait was re-selected as Convener, and Gilles Rohan re-selected onto the Committee. A copy of the minutes were sent recently and [are available here](#).

Unfortunately, we are short a Secretary and a few Committee member positions. While we really appreciate the input and activity of people not on the Committee, particularly the Active Democracy Bean group, we are entering an exciting new period with growing our education focused activity. If you would like to help out, please [email the Secretary](#).

## **COMING UP**

**What have we learned from the 2022 Election? What next?**

**18 September @ 14:00 AEST**

Eight new community independents join Helen Haines and Andrew Wilkie in the House of Representatives, making a crossbench of 16, with Bob Katter, Rebekah Sharkie and four Greens, while independents David Pocock and (ex-UAP) Ralph Babet join the two Jackie Lambie Network, two One Nation and 12 Green senators on the Senate crossbench.

The purpose of this Zoom event is to:

- reflect on what important things happened and share learning insights from the May federal election
- identify what is important in strengthening democracy in our places and the ACT
- explore where do we go from here: How does this change politics in the Australian Parliament? What opportunities does it present us?

[Register here for this meeting](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Future Zoom events – [listed in our Events Calendar](#).**

## **ACTIVE PROJECTS**

**Active Democracy ACT (ADACT) & Australia (ADAus)**

**Active Democracy Bean** has resumed meeting. If you are interested in joining, please [email Cath](#).

## **Canberra Forum**

We are working with Alicia Payne and DemocracyCo to see what our role with the Canberra Forum might be.

At 5.30-7pm on Tuesday 11 Oct 2022, there will be a meeting with DemocracyCo to brief CAPaD members (and friends) about the Alicia Payne Citizens Assembly / Canberra Forum Project and invite us to play roles in supporting the process and educating the community and ourselves about how this democratic processes might be successful.

Please [email the Secretary](#) if you are interested in helping out.

## OTHER ACTIVITY

### Activating Charity Status – going for DGR

We missed the deadline for this November, so aim to submit in time for the 2023 Budget.

The Awakening Democracy Foundation Public Fund is being set up. If you would like to be one of the Public Fund Committee members, please [email the Secretary](#). The Fund Committee is responsible for overseeing the expenditure of Fund moneys. Fund Committee members need to fit into the following categories: “church authorities, school principals, judges, clergymen, solicitors, doctors, and other professional persons, mayors, councillors, town clerks and members of parliament.” (Treasury website).

### Make a submission to the 2022 Election Inquiry

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM), has just announced their *Inquiry into the 2022 federal election*, and they are seeking submissions. The opportunity is ripe for pressing the government and parliament to reform political donations, election spending and truth in political advertising.

Any submission, however brief, to the inquiry setting out your opinion on these matters will help.

See [this #OurDemocracy site](#) for how to make a submission.

### THINGS TO READ AND LISTEN TO Truth in Political Advertising - one component of a better politics

Lisa Hill (Politics at Adelaide University) [discusses how the South Australian truth in political advertising](#) regimen might be applied into the federal arena.

### DEMOCRACY AS FUN ‘COLLECTION’

A brief explainer from the #OurDemocracy Campaign.

[Send me something](#) - credited.

## WHAT IS CORPORATE CAPTURE and how does it impact Australian politics?



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