

Attachment A: Program agenda

Thursday 1 May

Time	Session	Location
0845	Arrival, sign in, issue of security passes	AEC National Office 10-12 Mort Street, Canberra
0900	Welcome, AEC	
0930	Official photo	
0945	Delegate introductions	
1010	Universal principles of electoral administration	
1030	Current AEC structure and electoral administration principles	
1045	Morning tea	
1115	Voter registration, doctrine, readiness, rehearsals and training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voter registration in Australia • The AEC's approach to doctrine and readiness 	
1230	Lunch	
1330	Travel to Old Parliament House	
1400	National Electoral Education Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore the history of democracy and voting in Australia • an immersion in DemocraCity covering representation, enrolment, and voting • experience an election including a House of Representatives count in a dedicated polling place 	Old Parliament House 18 King George Terrace Parkes
1525	Travel to DFAT	R.G. Casey Building John McEwen Crescent Barton
1540	Afternoon tea	
1600	Australian elections, trust and legitimacy: foreign interference	
1715	Welcome reception	
1845	Return to hotel/AEC	
1900	Day 1 concludes	
1930	Optional delegate observation of election dress rehearsal	AEC National Office



Friday 2 May

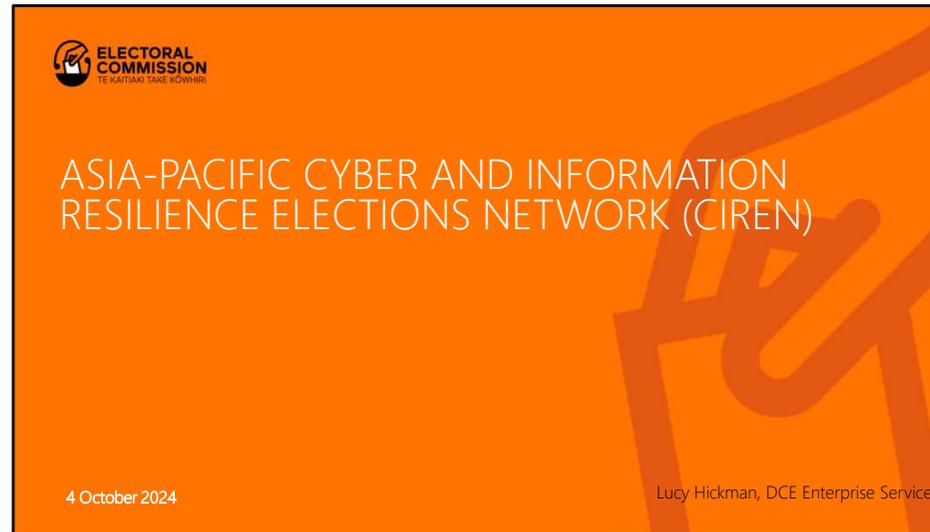
Time	Session	Location
0800	Pick up at hotel	Canberra pre-poll centres
0830	Pre-poll voting centres	
1000	Return to AEC	
1015	Morning tea	AEC National Office
1045	Trust and legitimacy: misinformation and disinformation, IT and cyber security	
1200	Operations and logistics in Australia	
1300	Lunch	
1400	Command Centre; Remote Operations Centre	
1530	Afternoon tea	
1600	Election related communications strategies Plenary discussion	
1700	Instructions for election day activities	
1715	Day 2 concludes	

Saturday 3 May

Time	Session	Location
0700	Pick up at hotel	
0715	Polling place visits	ACT and nearby NSW urban and rural polling places
1100	Return to hotel - Break	
1700	Pick up at hotel	
1730	Polling places, observing the count	
1930	Return to AEC	
2000	Dinner and election coverage	AEC National Office
2200	Day 3 concludes, return to hotels	

Sunday 4 May

Time	Session	Location
1100	Pick up at hotel	
1130	Out-posted centre	Queanbeyan out-posted centre
1230	Return to AEC	
1315	Farewell lunch	AEC National Office
1400	Reflections and EVP recap	
1500	Day 4 concludes	



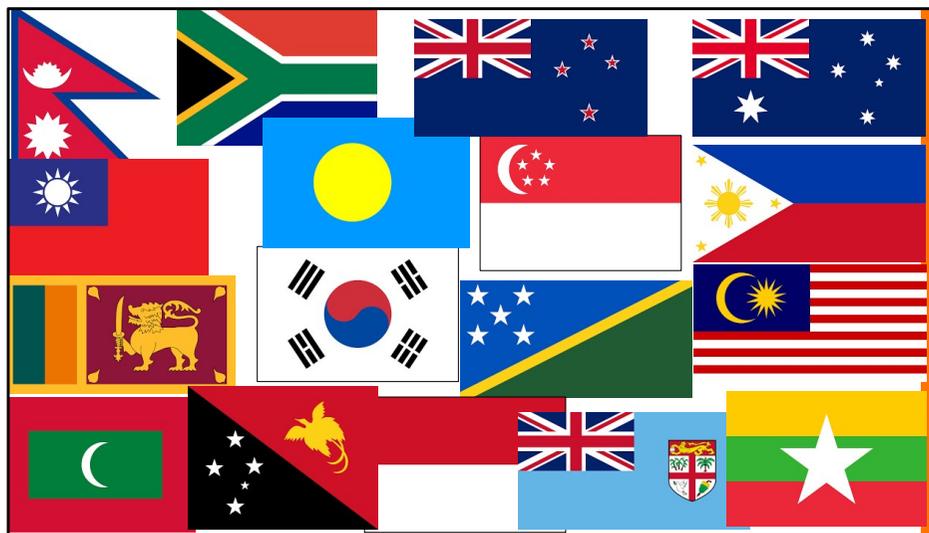
Last week Aaron Tasker, CIO and myself attended the launch of the Asia-Pacific Cyber and Information resilience elections network.

This was facilitated by the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), which is a global NFP based in Washington DC that works with public institutions and the private sector including Microsoft, Google and Amazon to build resilient democracies.

This network was also launched in Europe earlier this year and will be launched in Africa in the next few months.



There were 59 people in attendance from 17 different Election Management Bodies across Asia Pacific including South Africa, plus from IFES, Microsoft, ShadowServer and Google who hosted us in Singapore.



The countries represented included:

NZ

Australia

Fiji

Indonesia

Malaysia

Maldives

Myanmar

Nepal

Palau

Papua New Guinea

Phillipines

Sinapore

Solomon Islands

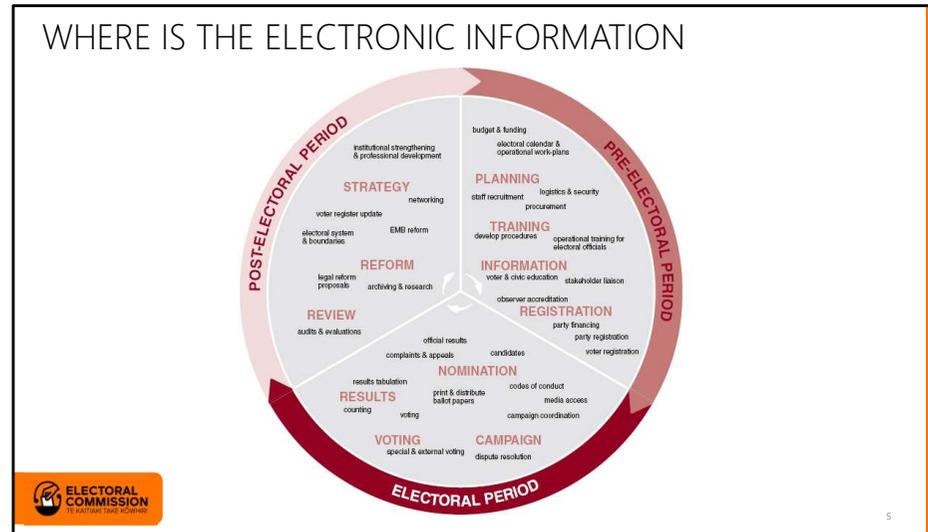
South Korea
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
South Africa

Over the three days were a number of sessions that were run. These were by attendees from the EMB but also from IFES, Microsoft, Google, Amazon and Shadowserver. We also had round table discussion and lots of opportunity outside of sessions to connect. I'll give a taster of some of the sessions that ran.



What is a threat and how do we ensure our security systems are set up in the right way.

The CIA triad is a common model that forms the basis for the development of security systems. They are used for finding vulnerabilities and methods for creating solutions. **Confidentiality** ensures that sensitive information is accessible only to authorized users, **Integrity** guarantees that data remains accurate and unaltered, and **Availability** ensures that information and systems are accessible when needed. Together, these principles form a balanced approach to protecting information from unauthorized access, modification, and downtime.



Using the Electoral Cycle Approach tool do we understand our own threat landscape? Do we know where our electronic information is that we need to safeguard?

Basically there are threats anywhere there is electronic information

THREAT VECTORS LIKELY TO AFFECT ELECTION-RELATED TARGETS DURING 2024 GLOBAL ELECTIONS

Threat Vector	Election Campaigns and Voters		Election Administrators		Election Systems	
	Likelihood	Magnitude	Likelihood	Magnitude	Likelihood	Magnitude
Cyber Intrusion	Unauthorized access, data theft	●	●	●	●	●
	Insider threat activity	●	●	●	●	●
	Cyber-enabled vote tampering	---	---	●	●	●
	Destructive attacks	●	●	●	●	●
Hybrid	DDoS	●	●	●	●	●
	Defacement	●	●	●	---	---
	Hack and leak operations	●	●	●	●	●
	Cyber activity successfully encouraging physical protests and/or violence	●	●	●	●	●
	Direct communication with target audiences (email, SMS etc)	●	●	●	●	---
Information Operations	Amplification of IO material on social media	●	●	---	---	---
	Dissemination of IO material through websites and social media accounts	●	●	---	---	---
	AI abuse, including deepfake video, audio, images	●	●	---	---	---

● Very high
● High
● Moderate
● Low

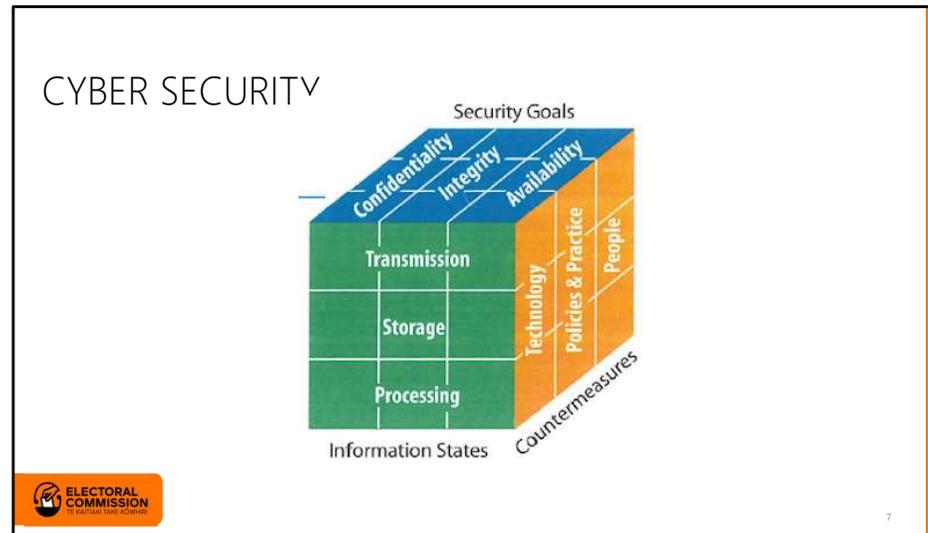
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With 2024 being the year of the election – globally more voters than ever in history will head to the polls in at least 64 countries this year representing around 49% of the worlds population.

Cyber intrusion is the unauthorized access or breach of a computer system or network, often with the intent to steal, alter, or destroy data or disrupt operations.

A hybrid threat vector refers to a combination of different types of attaches that target both physical and digital systems to achieve a more complex and damaging result. Often blends cyber attacks like malware, phishing or DDOS with physical operations such as sabotage and may also incorporate information warfare tactics such as disinformation. These coordinated threats exploit vulnerabilites across multiple domains making them harder to detect and defend as they can simultaneously target infrastructure, data and public trust, Hybrid threats are often employed by nation-states, organised crime or highly sophisticated threat actors.

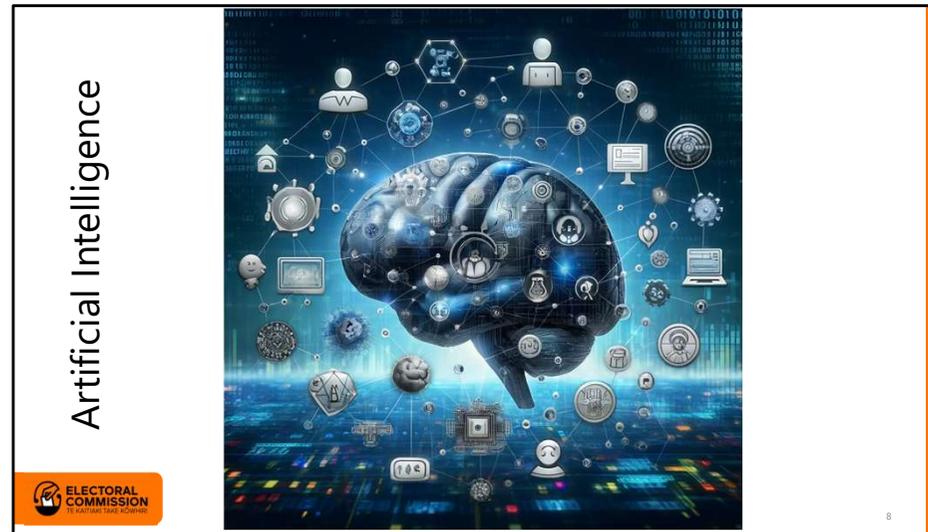
Information Operations involve the use of various techniques and tools to influence, disrupt, or manipulate information to achieve a strategic advantage. This can include cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns, psychological operations, and electronic warfare, often targeting adversarial decision-making, communication systems, or public opinion. IO in cybersecurity is closely related to the broader field of information warfare, where cyber means are employed to gain control over information and its dissemination.



The concept above of Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability is extended when looking at Cybersecurity as it alone ignores the human element.

It brings in a second dimension representing the stages of information states – transmission, storage and processing. Data in transmission is particularly vulnerable to interception, which data at rest, i.e. data that is being stored need protection from unauthorised access or physical theft. When data is being processed it is susceptible to manipulation and unauthorised alterations. By addressing these elements, it encourages security professionals to think beyond just the boundaries of static data and consider the entire lifecycle of information within a system.

The third dimension focuses on security safeguards or countermeasures including technology, policies and practices and human factors. Technology measures include firewalls, encryption and intrusion detection systems. Policies and practices include access controls and incident response plans which play a key role in establishing security governance. People are often considered the weakest link in security so training and awareness programs are critical in ensuring that users adhere to security protocols.



Finally we talked about AI and current global trends. AI can be thought of as a discipline with Machine Learning as a subset.

The image visually represents the relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), depicting a large brain symbolizing AI at the top, surrounded by various icons that illustrate different applications of AI, such as robotics, natural language processing, and computer vision. Below the brain, a smaller interconnected network of nodes symbolizes ML, showcasing graphs and data patterns that highlight the learning process from data. The background features a futuristic digital landscape filled with binary code and abstract shapes, emphasizing the technological foundation of both AI and ML. This imagery effectively conveys that while ML is a subset of AI, it plays a crucial role in enabling AI systems to learn and adapt over time.

AI

www.realornotquiz.com

A soldier in full combat gear, including a helmet and a rifle, stands in a field. The image is presented as a quiz question.

A courtroom scene with several people seated in rows of wooden benches, facing a judge's bench. The image is presented as a quiz question.

Real or Not ?
The growing quality in AI images makes them harder to spot.
Can you tell if this image is real or AI generated?

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Over the three days there were a lot of information sessions, but this was to launch a network of people from across Asia Pacific who work for Election Management Bodies to connect and form a network to work together and share ideas in the cyber and information resilience space. We ended with a few hours discussing the practical way that we could achieve this and I look forward to the next steps.

Name	Position	Reason	Flight	Accommodation	Meals	Transport	Other Misc	Total
Jo Arnold	Manager of Voting Services	Canberra, International Electoral Meeting, 30/04/2025	\$ 1,133.23	\$ 983.35	\$ 184.89	\$ 55.58		\$ 2,357.04
Lucy Hickman	DCE Enterprise Services	Singapore, CIREN - Cybersecurity Information Resilience Election Network, 22/09/2025	\$ 3,124.25	\$ 1,919.84	\$ 112.69	\$ 16.28	\$ 32.12	\$ 5,205.17
Mark Lawson	Chief Electoral Advisor	Sydney, DECANZ group meeting, 25/06/2024 Adelaide, DECANZ group meeting, 19/06/2025 Canberra, ECANZ meetings 26/3/25 Brisbane, ECANZ meetings and PIANZEA SOM meeting 09/07/25 Canberra, ECANZ meetings and PIANZEA SOM meeting 4/3/24 Canberra, ECANZ meetings and PIANZEA SOM meeting 28/6/24	\$ 1,771.50	\$ 989.80	\$ 172.44	\$ 198.34		\$ 3,132.08
Karl Le Quesne	Chief Electoral Officer	Tonga, PIANZEA SOM meeting 6/10/24 back on 10/10/24	\$ 7,559.01	\$ 2,354.73	\$ 502.76	\$ 63.48	\$ 139.81	\$ 10,619.79
Martin Rodgers	Director of Voting Service	Canberra, International Electoral Meeting, 30/4/25	\$ 1,133.23	\$ 983.35	\$ 184.89	\$ 55.58		\$ 2,357.04
Aaron Tasker	Chief Information Officer	Singapore, CIREN - Cybersecurity Information Resilience Election Network, 22/09/2025	\$ 3,124.25	\$ 1,927.62	\$ 112.69	\$ 16.28	\$ 32.12	\$ 5,212.95
Anusha Guler	DCE Operations	Perth, NEO CoP, 14/02/24	\$ 1,983.43	\$ 1,142.26	\$ 34.63			\$ 3,160.32
Leigh Deuchars	DCE Strategy and Governance Services	Samoa, Oversee International Programme, 10/06/24	\$ 1,147.50	\$ 1,114.75	\$ 83.11			\$ 2,345.36
Thomas Rogers	Consultant	Sydney, Meeting, 07/10/25	\$ 1,148.25	\$ 144.27	\$ 304.59	\$ 248.35		\$ 1,845.46
		Total	\$ 24,820.66	\$ 11,415.70	\$ 1,388.08	\$ 405.52	\$ 204.04	\$ 36,235.21

Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand Meeting Agenda

5 March 2024, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Australian Electoral Commission, 12 Mort St Canberra

Members

Mr Mick Sherry (Chair)	Electoral Commissioner, ECSA
Mr Damian Cantwell	Electoral Commissioner, Elections ACT
Mr John Schmidt	Electoral Commissioner, NSWEC
Mr Andrew Hawkey	Electoral Commissioner, TEC
Mr Pat Vidgen	Electoral Commissioner, ECQ
Ms Kiristen Kelly*	Deputy Electoral Commissioner, NTEC (proxy for Mr Iain Loganathan)
Mr Sven Bluemmel	Electoral Commissioner, VEC
Mr Robert Kennedy	Electoral Commissioner, WAEC
Mr Tom Rogers	Electoral Commissioner, AEC
Mr Karl Le Quesne	Chief Electoral Officer, NZEC
Mr Reece McKenzie	ECANZ Secretariat, AEC

Guests

Ms Tania Wilson	Assistant Commissioner, Service Design and Foundations Branch, AEC and National Enrolment Forum Chair
Ms Sarah Wright	Strategic Advisor, Electoral Integrity and Regulation, VEC
Ms Julie Imman Grant	Commissioner, eSafety Commission
Mr Toby Dagg	General Manager, Regulatory Operations, eSafety Commission

Apologies

Mr Iain Loganathan	Electoral Commissioner, NTEC
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*Attending virtually

Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand

No	Description	Format	Lead	Time
	Welcome	Verbal	Chair	9:00
1.	General business: - <i>Endorsement of minutes – 1 December 2023</i> - <i>Action items</i>	Paper	Chair	9:05
2.	Discussion – IFEI de-brief	Verbal	All	9:30
3.	Discussion – Home Affairs Risk Assessment	Paper	All	10:00
4.	Update – Commissioner’s Roundtable	Verbal	All	10:30
5.	Presentation – NZ post-election survey results	Presentation	K Le Quesne	12:00
Lunch – 12:45				
6.	Discussion – National Enrolment Forum structure	Paper	T Wilson	13:30
7.	Update – ECANZ and eSafety referral protocols	Paper	S Wright	14:00
8.	Update – eSafety Commission jurisdiction	Verbal	J Imman Grant	14:30
9.	Discussion – Service delivery to disability groups	Verbal	All	15:00
10.	Discussion – Electoral Regulation Research Network membership	Paper	J Schmidt	15:30
11.	Discussion – Other Business - <i>Addressing artificial intelligence impacts during electoral period</i>	Verbal	Chair	15:45
12.	Close	Verbal	Chair	15:55

Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand Meeting Agenda

27 June 2024, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Australian Electoral Commission
10-12 Mort Street Canberra ACT 2600

Members

Mr Mick Sherry (Chair)	Electoral Commissioner, ECSA
Mr Damian Cantwell	Electoral Commissioner, Elections ACT
Mr Matt Phillips	A/g Electoral Commissioner, NSWEC
Mr Andrew Hawkey	Electoral Commissioner, TEC
Mr Pat Vidgen	Electoral Commissioner, ECQ
Ms Kirsten Kelly*	Electoral Commissioner, NTEC
Mr Sven Bluemmel*	Electoral Commissioner, VEC
Mr Robert Kennedy*	Electoral Commissioner, WAEC
Mr Tom Rogers	Electoral Commissioner, AEC
Mr Karl Le Quesne	Chief Electoral Officer, NZEC
Ms Sally Angus	ECANZ Secretariat, AEC

Guests

Ms Jennifer Mulveny	Director, Government Relations and Public Policy, Asia-Pacific, Adobe
Mr Andrew Brickwood	General Manager, Enterprise and Government, Australia Post
Ms Tanya Thornton	General Manager, Shareholder Liaison, Australia Post

Apologies

NIL

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Agenda items

No.	Description	Format	Lead	Time
	Welcome - <i>Acknowledgement of country</i>	Verbal	Chair	5 mins
1.	General Business - <i>Endorsement of minutes – 5 March 2024</i> - <i>Action items</i>	Paper	Chair	5 mins
2.	Discussion – Canberra Series debrief	Verbal	All	25 mins
3.	Discussion – First Secretaries Group debrief	Verbal	T Rogers	15 mins
4.	Presentation – South Australian Voice to Parliament	Presentation	M Sherry	20 mins
11:10 am Break				5 mins
5.	Update – Commissioner’s Roundtable	Verbal	All	90 mins
6.	Presentation – QLD Local Government Elections	Presentation	P Vidgen	30 mins
1:15pm Lunch				45 mins
7.	Presentation – Adobe	Presentation	Guest	30 mins
8.	Discussion – ECANZ Charter	Paper	All	15 mins
9.	Discussion – eSafety referral protocol	Paper	S Bluemmel	5 mins
2:50 pm Afternoon tea				10 mins
10.	Presentation – AusPost	Presentation	Guests	30 mins
11.	Other business - <i>Addressing artificial intelligence impacts during electoral periods</i> - <i>Proposal to establish a Communications and Engagement Community of Practice</i> - <i>Next meeting date 2024</i>	Verbal	All	25 mins
	Closing	Verbal	Chair	5 mins





Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand Meeting Agenda

27 March 2025

10am – 4pm AEDT

Elections ACT

Nara Centre, 3 Constitution Ave

Canberra ACT

Members

Mr Mick Sherry (Chair)	Electoral Commissioner, ECSA
Mr Damian Cantwell AM CSC	Electoral Commissioner, ACT EC
Ms Rachel McCallum	Electoral Commissioner, NSWEC
Mr Andrew Hawkey *	Electoral Commissioner, TEC
Mr Pat Vidgen	Electoral Commissioner, ECQ
Ms Kirsten Kelly	Electoral Commissioner, NTEC
Mr Sven Bluemmel	Electoral Commissioner, VEC
Mr Robert Kennedy*	Electoral Commissioner, WAEC
Mr Karl Le Quesne	Chief Electoral Officer, NZEC
Ms Sally Angus	ECANZ Secretariat, AEC

Guests

Mr David Kalisch	Chair, ACT Electoral Commission
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Apologies

Mr Jeff Pope APM	Electoral Commissioner, AEC
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Agenda items

Elections ACT are kindly hosting a morning tea commencing at 9:45am, with the formal agenda commencing at 10am.

No.	Description	Format	Lead	Duration	Time
	Welcome	Verbal	Chair	5 mins	10:00
1.	General business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Endorsement of minutes 4 December 2024</i>• <i>Action items</i>• <i>Endorsement of Terms of Reference CoP</i>	Verbal	Chair	10 mins	10:05
2.	Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Commissioner's Roundtable</i>	Verbal	All	125 mins	10:15
3.	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Charter for ERRN Research Council</i>	Verbal	R McCallum & S Bluemmel	25 mins	12:20
Lunch – with Guest Mr Kalisch				45 mins	12:45
4.	Guest Speaker & Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr David Kalisch</i>	Verbal	D Kalisch	30 mins	13:30
5.	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Victoria Local Government Election 2024</i>	Presentation	S Bluemmel	30 mins	14:00
Break				15 Mins	14:30
6.	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>NSW Local Government Election 2024</i>	Presentation	R McCallum	30 mins	14:45
7.	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>WA State Election 2025</i>	Presentation	R Kennedy	30 mins	15:15
8.	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Next meeting dates 2025</i>	Verbal	All	15 mins	15:45
Closing					16:00



Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand Meeting Agenda

10 July 2025

9.30am - 4.30pm AEST
Electoral Commission Queensland
Level 20, 1 Eagle Street
Brisbane QLD

Members

Mr Mick Sherry (Chair)	Electoral Commissioner, ECSA
Mr Damian Cantwell AM CSC	Electoral Commissioner, Elections ACT
Ms Rachel McCallum	Electoral Commissioner, NSWEC
Mr Andrew Hawkey	Electoral Commissioner, TEC
Mr Pat Vidgen	Electoral Commissioner, ECQ
Ms Kirsten Kelly	Electoral Commissioner, NTEC
Mr Sven Bluemmel	Electoral Commissioner, VEC
Mr Dennis O'Reilly	a/g Electoral Commissioner, WAEC
Mr Jeff Pope APM	a/g Electoral Commissioner, AEC
Mr Karl Le Quesne	Chief Electoral Officer, NZEC
Ms Sally Angus	ECANZ Secretariat, AEC

Guests

Mr Andrew Brickwood	General Manager, Enterprise and Government, Australia Post
Ms Tanya Thornton	General Manager, Shareholder Liaison, Australia Post
Mr Nathan Bines	Executive Director, Data and AI Data and Digital Government, Department of Customer Services, Queensland Government



Agenda items

No.	Description	Format	Lead	Duration	Time
0.	Welcome	Verbal	Chair	5 mins	0930
1.	General business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Endorsement of minutes 27 March 2025</i> • <i>Action items</i> • <i>Response to letter from Mr Gary Starr, AusPost</i> 	Paper	Chair	15 mins	0935
2.	Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commissioner's Roundtable</i> 	Verbal	All	125 mins [<i>10 mins per EMB</i>]	0950
3.	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Terms of Reference for establishment of new CoP</i> 	Paper	D Cantwell	15 mins	1155
Lunch				45 mins	1210
4.	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guest speaker Mr Nathan Bines on data & AI</i> 	Verbal	Guest N Bines	30 mins	1255
5.	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EMB's 'all-in' presentation following electoral events</i> 	Verbal	D Cantwell	15 mins	1325
6.	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inquiry into WA State Election</i> 	Paper	D O'Reilly	20 mins	1340
7.	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Churchill Fellowship Research – video</i> • <i>Re-submission of paper: Coordinated approaches to combat mis/dis information</i> 	Paper	S Bluemmel	45 mins	1400
8.	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FE25 reflections</i> 	Verbal	J Pope	30 mins	1445
Break				15 mins	1515
9.	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update of AusPost Reforms</i> 	Verbal	Guests A Brickwood & T Thornton	30 mins	1530
10.	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Communique for distribution following ECANZ meetings</i> 	Verbal	All	15 mins	1600
11.	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Next meeting dates 2025</i> • <i>Next IFEI meeting</i> • <i>Future guest speakers</i> • <i>Gift for guest speakers</i> 	Verbal	All	15 mins	1615
Closing					1630



NEO CoP – Meeting Day One

Thursday 9 May 2024

9:00 am – 4.30 pm

Members

Shani Wood (Chairperson)	Western Australian Electoral Commission
Gareth Robson (Deputy Chair)	New South Wales Electoral Commission
Dale Emery	Australian Electoral Commission
Jiv Sekhon	Elections ACT *
Julie Cavanagh	Electoral Commission Queensland
John Alderman	Electoral Commission South Australia
Anusha Guler	New Zealand Electoral Commission
Kathleen Richardson	Northern Territory Commission
Sylvia Bourne (Secretariat)	Western Australian Electoral Commission

Guests

Christine Beard	Victorian Electoral Commission *
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Ben Sutherland	Victoria Electoral Commission
Kylee Rumble	Tasmanian Electoral Commission

* Attending virtually

Agenda items

No	Description	Lead
Welcome		
1.	General business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Action Items	All 9.00 am – 9.15 am
2.	Electoral Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Roundtable on status and discussion points for two days	All 9.15 am – 10.15 am
3.	Morning Tea	10.15 am – 10.45 am
4.	ECANZ and E-Safety Protocol revisit	Anusha Guler 10.45 am – 11 am
5.	Election Staffing Update	Cathy King 11 am – 11.30 am
6.	QLD Local Government Election 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Highlights and Challenges	Julie Cavanagh 11.30 am – 12.45 pm
Lunch 12.45 pm – 1.15 pm		
7.	General discussion - Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staffing, Methodology, Delivery, Assessment	All 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm
8.	General discussion - Procurement and Ballot Papers <ul style="list-style-type: none">General discussion	All 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm
9.	General discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Artificial Intelligence	All 3.15 am – 4.15 pm
10.	Wrap up of day and next day agenda	Shani Wood 4.15 pm – 4.30 pm
Closing 4.30 pm		

NEO CoP – Meeting Day Two

Friday 10 May 2024

9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Agenda items

No.	Description	Lead
Welcome		
1.	Follow up from previous day	All 9.00 am - 9.15 am
2.	New Zealand <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Resilience into the 2023 General Election	Anusha Guler 9.15 am – 10.30 am
3.	Other topics discussed	10.30 am – 11.30 am
4.	Other Business	All 11.30 am – 12.00 pm
Closing 12 pm		



PIANZEA Senior Officials Meeting Agenda

Tanoa Dateline Hotel | Nuku'alofa, Tonga

8 – 9 October 2024

Monday 7 October 2024 | Welcome Event

Venue: Tanoa Dateline

Dress code: Casual/tropical island-wear

Join the PIANZEA Secretariat at the Hotel Lobby Bar to register for the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), receive your registration pack, and enjoy light refreshments.

Time	Description	Lead
5:30 – 7:30pm	Registration and welcome refreshments	PIANZEA Secretariat

Tuesday 8 October | SOM Day 1

Venue: Talanoa Conference Room – Tanoa Dateline

Dress code: Business attire

Please arrive by 8:30am and make your way to the registration desk in the Conference Centre if you were not able to register at the Welcome Event.

Time	Description	Lead
8:30am	Registration	PIANZEA Secretariat
9:00am	PIANZEA Chair welcome	Jeff Pope, PIANZEA Chair
9:10am	PIANZEA Host welcome	Rt. Hon. Lord Dalgety K.C, Chairman, Electoral Commission, Tonga.
9:20am	Opening prayer	Mr Pita Vuki, Supervisor of Elections, Electoral Commission, Tonga
9:25am	Official photo	PIANZEA Secretariat
9:45am	Housekeeping & agenda	PIANZEA Secretariat

9:50am	Introduction activity	TBC
10:30am	Morning Tea	
11:00am	Election and member updates (include deep dive on 2024 Joint Elections in Solomon Islands)	Jeff Pope, Chair
1:00pm	Lunch	
2:00pm	Presentation and Q&A on electoral integrity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the trust of EMBs Digital literacy Combatting mis/disinformation in the age of AI 	Jeff Pope, Chair Karl Le Quesne (NZEC) and Ana Mataciwa (FEO) Q&A facilitated by PIANZEA Secretariat
3:15pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	Presentation and Q&A: the importance of a Commission	Jeff Pope, Chair Other Commissioners (TBC)
4:45pm	Reflections on the day and close	Jeff Pope, Chair
5:00pm	End of Day 1	

Tuesday 8 October 2023 | PIANZEA Dinner

Venue: Seaview Lodge, Vuna Road, Nuku'alofa

Dress code: National Island Dress/Smart-Casual tropical island wear.

A dinner and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided (with alcoholic drinks available at the bar at your own cost).

Time	Description	Lead
6:30 – 9:00pm	PIANZEA dinner	PIANZEA Secretariat

Wednesday 9 October | SOM Day 2

Venue: *Talanoa Conference Room – Tanoa Dateline*

Dress code: *Business attire*

Time	Description	Lead
8:30am	Registration	PIANZEA Secretariat
9:00am	PIANZEA Chair welcome	Jeff Pope, PIANZEA Chair
9:10am	Voter registration – feedback from Pacific Roll Integrity Workshop (PRIW)/GVRs update/general discussion	Ana Mataiciwa (moderator) NZEK: PRIW AEC: GVRs Update
10:30am	Morning Tea	
11:00am	Out of country voting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member showcase• AEC presentation on telephone voting• Group discussion	PIANZEA Secretariat
12:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Welcome back and introduction to sub-region-based small-group sessions	Jeff Pope, PIANZEA Chair
1:15pm	Sub-region discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025 workplan/overarching themes• Development partners approach• Nomination of new PAG representatives	PAG Members
2:30pm	Afternoon Tea	
2:45pm	Report back from sub-regions including announcement of new PAG members	PAG Members
4:00pm	Chair summary	Jeff Pope, Chair
4:40pm	Closing prayer and prayer for PAG	TBC
4:45pm	Host country farewell	Tonga Electoral Commission
5:00pm	End of Day 2 and close of SOM. Free evening	



PIANZEA Senior Officials Meeting

13 February Agenda

Location: Microsoft Teams (Meeting ID: 492 821 063 976 | Passcode: fu7pX6Te)

Date: Thursday 13 February 2025

Time:

- Palau, Timor-Leste: 09:00-11:00am
- Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby): 10:00am-12:00pm
- Australia (Canberra), Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Federated States of Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu: 11:00am-1:00pm
- Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, RMI, Tuvalu: 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Kingdom of Tonga, New Zealand, Samoa, Tokelau: 1:00-3:00pm
- Niue (12 Feb): 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Cook Islands (12 Feb): 2:00pm-4:00pm

Meeting Papers

- Meeting agenda,
- Draft Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) Minutes,
- *Global Network for Securing Electoral* (GNSEI) papers

No.	Time	Description	Responsible
1	20 minutes	Welcome and introductions	Kath Gleeson, PIANZEA Chair
2	5 minutes	AEC update	Kath Gleeson
3	40 minutes	Member updates	Kath Gleeson
4	15 minutes	PIANZEA program update	PIANZEA Secretariat
5	20 minutes	Secondment update	PIANZEA Secretariat
6	5 minutes	Pacific Legal Electoral Administrators Dialogue (PLEAD)	SoE – FEO
7	5 minutes	Any other business	Kath Gleeson
8	5 minutes	Closing remarks	Kath Gleeson