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# SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL

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## Media Alert

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### **TRIBUNAL DISCUSSION PAPER ON REFORM OF REGIONAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ALLOWANCES FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 2025**

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has released a Discussion Paper following enactment of the *Constitutional and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Equality) Act 2021*, which reforms the structure of the Legislative Council following the next State election in 2025, and where the six Legislative Council Regions will be replaced with a single whole of State electorate.

The Discussion Paper examines three broad areas:

1. has the move to a single State electorate altered the roles or the requirements of Legislative Council Members?
2. does the Tribunal need to re-evaluate its method of defining a regional Member?
3. depending on its decisions on the prior two points, the Tribunal will need to re-structure some of its current allowances to suit the constitution of the new Legislative Council.

While the Discussion Paper focus is on allowances to be provided to Members of the new Legislative Council, the allowances framework in general is also examined.

The Tribunal welcomes written submissions from any stakeholders, including members of the general public, to inform its discussions prior to making its determination in relation to allowances provided to Members after the 2025 State election. Submissions can be submitted at [submissions@sat.wa.gov.au](mailto:submissions@sat.wa.gov.au) and are required by 29 February 2024.

The Discussion Paper is available at [www.wa.gov.au/organisation/salaries-and-allowances-tribunal](http://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/salaries-and-allowances-tribunal)

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