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## **AEC AND MoAD TO COLLABORATE ON TELLING AUSTRALIA'S DEMOCRATIC AND ELECTORAL STORY**

### **JOINT MEDIA RELEASE**

- Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)
- Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD)

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) and the Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) will build on a history of successful collaboration to establish a new permanent education exhibition that celebrates the nation's democracy and world-leading electoral system.

Mr Tom Rogers, the Australian Electoral Commissioner, said funding announced in the 2020-21 Federal Budget would see the AEC's education program expanded to establish a permanent exhibition inside MoAD, which is located at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

"We are looking forward to working with MoAD to deliver this important contribution to showcasing the story of Australia's democracy and leadership in election management," Mr Rogers said.

Ms Daryl Karp, the Director of MoAD, said: "We are delighted at the news that the government is investing in an exhibition that will expand the current visitor experience at Old Parliament House. MoAD engages with more than one million visitors annually, sharing the story of Australia's democracy and how citizens can play an active part. We look forward to collaborating with the AEC to continue a shared and consistent narrative of Australia's unique democracy.

"As two leading national institutions committed to educating and inspiring Australians on our democratic and electoral systems and history, this is a fitting and exciting initiative in our long relationship of working together."

Mr Rogers said the additional funding provided an opportunity to broaden electoral education to the wider community and, so, help better equip Australians to take part in the increasingly complex electoral environment.

The announcement of a new exhibition sits alongside funding to further enhance the AEC's education activities, including a revamped National Electoral Education Centre (NEEC).

The new exhibition will join the range of permanent and temporary exhibitions at MoAD. The NEEC is also located at Old Parliament House.

*Further information:*

Ministerial media release <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/morton/2020/new-permanent-exhibition-about-australias-democracy-and-electoral-system>