

## Research Methodology

### Public Appointments Framework

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1. The objectives of this research

To create a framework to ensure that relevant public appointments are independent and merits-based.

2. The scope of this research - what we did and didn't include

We included the indispensable elements required to promote independent, merits-based public appointments.

3. How we reached our conclusions

We analysed what is currently provided for by the Commonwealth Merit and Transparency Policy, as well as the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* (Cth) and the *Special Broadcasting Services Act 1991* (Cth). We then identified the strengths and limitations of the processes established by these sources in order to create a robust framework. In determining the scope of our proposed framework, we consulted the *Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (Cth)

We also consulted with experts and other stakeholder groups working in this space.

4. What datasets/legislation we used

*Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (Cth)  
*Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* (Cth)  
*Special Broadcasting Services Act 1991* (Cth)  
*Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act (1975)* Cth  
Commonwealth Merit and Transparency Policy

5. Any experts that advised or reviewed the work

Professor Gabrielle Appleby

6. What previous research we have done that informed this paper

Our work on accountability institutions generally informed this paper.

Our work on integrity commissions and parliamentary committees generally, as well as the Victorian pandemic oversight committee composition specifically, informed the process for the parliamentary oversight committee.

7. What future research we may do in this space

We do not currently plan to do further research in this space