



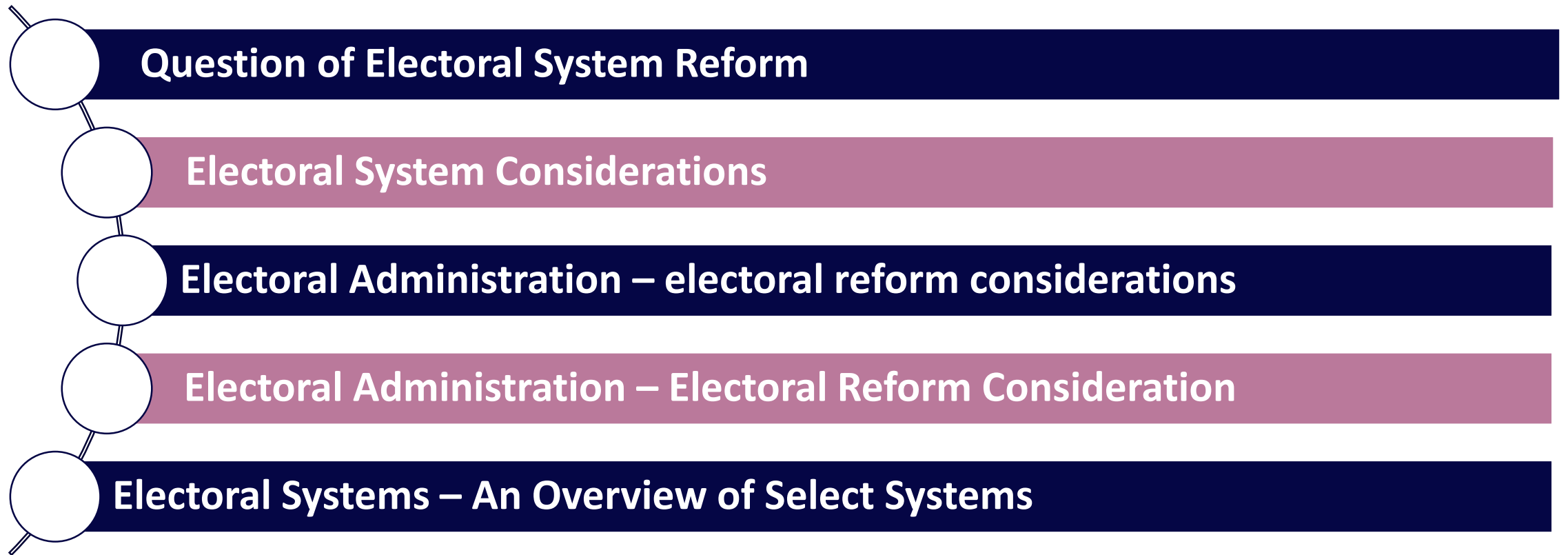
**PRESENTATION OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER**

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM



Tue Jan 25, 2022

Key Themes



The Question of Electoral System Reform

Case for Electoral Reform	Case for Against Electoral Reform
<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current government • Votes • Many views • Comb • In dem - vote • Democ • Only • Turno <p>Proport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prove • Every • As lon • Refle • Every voter • Every • More • More • Level • Incen • Prom • Great • Rare <p>Current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispr • Hype Comb • Curre • Disco • Powe • FPTP <p style="text-align: center;">FOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broken • Unfixable • Not representative • Democratic 	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Favour • Easy to • Results • Popula • Potent fairness • Not cle • Not cle <p>Proporti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some • Upside • Turno • Strateg • Great • Govern Assem • NZ - sa minor • Downs and re potent division <p>Current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function democ overall • Has fla under • Notwit memb change <p style="text-align: center;">AGAINST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flawed • Fixable • Proven • Simple

Electoral Systems Considerations

- **3 of 9 Electoral System Principals – stable and effective government, identification of decision makers and accountability, simple and practical**
- **Characteristics: Ballot type, # of candidates per district, procedure to determine winners, thresholds**
- **Administration impacts:**
 - Plurality – No major impacts.
 - Majority – ballot type and procedure to determine winners. Vote calculation more complex. No major impacts.
 - Proportional representation – ballot type, # candidates per district, procedure to determine winners.

- **Reduced elector residency requirements (from one year)**
- **Residential address proof or residence (mailing addresses and declarations)**
- **Temporary resident definition (allows workers option to vote in district where working)**
- **Election Officer Eligibility (16/17 year olds, Yukoners otherwise eligible except for 1 yr residency)**
- **Vote Anywhere (initially vote at any Advance Polls for any district)**
- **Referendum mandate for Elections Yukon (not part of Elections Act)**
- **Ballot Design (to include candidate picture)**

- Tie after a recount (by election process versus draw of lots)
- Boundary Commission appointments (allow EDBC prior to May 2023)
- Introduce internet Voting (as an option to cast special ballots)
- Expanded election financing requirements (set limits and additional reporting requirements)
- Repatriate Elections Act responsibility to Legislative Office as for other house officers (from ECO)
- Repeal and replace Elections Act (updated and plain language)

Electoral Districts

- Number of Electoral Districts
- Electoral District Boundaries
- Electoral District Quotients and Variances

Statutory Provisions

- Elections Act Alignment
- Nomination Process
- Identification
- Electoral District Boundary Commission
- Fixed Election Date
- Election Periods
- Urban/Rural
- Referendums



Electoral Administration – Electoral Reform Considerations

Elections Yukon

- Mandate
- Capacity
- Change Management and Transition
- Readiness Workload
- Potential of Administering 2 Electoral Systems
- Timelines to Implement
- Elections Yukon Office
- Election Technology
- Public Awareness

- First Past the Post (plurality)
- Alternate Vote (majoritarian)
- Proportional Representation (proportional)
- Mixed Member Proportional (proportional)
- Single Transferrable Vote (proportional)
- Dual Member Proportional (proportional)

Thank You for the Opportunity to Present

