

Ballot paper principles

The AEC upholds the sanctity of the ballot paper in all its forms and at all times.

This is given effect through two principles:

1

All ballot papers remain 'live' from printing through to statutorily authorised destruction.

2

The security, integrity and accountability of ballot papers must be preserved at all times – including transit and storage by the AEC, contractors, or other third parties.

These two maxims of ballot paper handling must never be breached and must underpin AEC operations, culture and standards.





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