

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Electoral Funding Amendment Bill 2023**

**First print**

**Proposed amendments**

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- No. 1      **Applicable caps on electoral expenditure for by-elections**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[1], line 3. Omit "\$225,900". Insert instead "\$180,720".
- No. 2      **Caps on electoral expenditure for third-party campaigners**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], line 5. Omit all words on the line. Insert instead—  
Omit the paragraph. Insert instead—  
    (b) in the case of a third-party campaigner—  
        (i) for State general elections—\$30,400 in relation to each electoral district, or  
        (ii) for by-elections in more than one electoral district—\$180,720 in relation to each electoral district.
- No. 3      **Unlawful for third-party campaigners to incur expenses**  
Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 5—  
    **[3] Section 42 Requirements for third-party campaigners**  
    Insert "incur electoral expenditure or" before "make" wherever occurring in section 42(1) and (2).
- No. 4      **Records of ABNs and ACNs of third-party campaigners**  
Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 5—  
    **[4] Section 42(3)(a1)**  
    Insert after section 42(3)(a)—  
        (a1) if the third-party campaigner is not an individual—the person receiving the payment is given a statement of the payment that contains the Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN) of the third-party campaigner, and
- No. 5      **Records of ABNs and ACNs of third-party campaigners**  
Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 5—

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**[5] Section 145 Other offences relating to political donations and electoral expenditure**

Insert after section 145(2)(a)—

- (a1) a copy of the statement of payment made under section 42(3)(a1),

No. 6 **Review of provisions about caps on electoral expenditure for election campaigns**

Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 5—

**[6] Section 158**

Insert after section 157—

**158 Review of provisions of Act relating to caps on electoral expenditure for election campaigns**

- (1) The Electoral Commissioner must review Part 3, Division 4 to determine whether—
  - (a) the policy objectives of the Act remain valid, and
  - (b) the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing the objectives.
- (2) The review must be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 1 year after the first general election after the commencement of this section.
- (3) A report on the outcome of the review must be given to the Minister within 12 months after the end of the 1-year period.
- (4) The Minister must on the first sitting day after receiving the report cause it to be tabled in each House of Parliament.

No. 7 **Long title**

Insert “and make other amendments relating to third-party campaigners” after “campaigns”.