



New South Wales

Electoral Funding Amendment (Major Political Donors) Bill 2025

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Electoral Funding Act 2018* for the following purposes—

- (a) to require an applicant for government funding or an appointment to certain government positions to disclose if the applicant is or has been a major political donor in the previous 5 financial years,
- (b) to make clear that being or having been a major political donor raises a conflict of interest in all cases for applications of those kinds.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Electoral Funding Act 2018 No 20

Schedule 1 amends the *Electoral Funding Act 2018* to require a person to disclose if the person is or was, in the previous 5 financial years, a major political donor as a conflict of interest when applying for the following—

- (a) government funding,
- (b) an appointment to—
 - (i) the governing body of a government body, or

- (ii) another board, panel or other body for a government body.

A decision-maker will also be required to enquire about whether the applicant is or has been, in the previous 5 financial years, a major political donor before determining an application for—

- (a) government funding, or
- (b) an appointment to—
 - (i) the governing body of a government body, or
 - (ii) another board, panel or other body for a government body.