



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

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Committee to look at electoral spending caps

Should the limits on third-party campaigner spending in each electorate be changed? Are spending caps for local government election campaigns appropriate?

The NSW Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters is considering these issues as part of an inquiry into electoral expenditure caps in sections 29(12) and 31 of the *Electoral Funding Act 2018*.

There are limits on the amount that political participants can spend on election campaigns. The Committee is looking at the additional cap on electoral expenditure for third-party campaigners for individual Legislative Assembly seats, and the caps on electoral expenditure for local government election campaigns.

‘We’re asking people to share their thoughts on the spending limits placed on election campaigns,’ said Committee Chair, Mr Peter Primrose MLC. ‘Expenditure caps must strike the right balance; ensuring fair elections without burdening electoral participation.’

For the 2027 state election, third-party campaigners can spend up to \$30,400 in each electoral district within an overall expenditure cap.

In local government elections, candidates, groups and third-party campaigners are subject to different spending caps, based on the number of enrolled electors for a local government area or ward. Some people have argued that local government areas with a higher number of enrolled voters are disadvantaged, as their caps are lower on a ‘per voter’ basis.

‘Robust electoral funding laws are a cornerstone of our electoral system,’ said Mr Primrose, ‘It’s important that when we consider them, we consider them collaboratively.’ The Committee encourages political participants and members of the community to make a submission to the inquiry.

More information, including the inquiry terms of reference, can be found on the inquiry [webpage](#).

Submissions close on 30 January 2026.

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