

**Submission
No 5**

**INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

Organisation: Sutherland Shire Council

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Robert Furolo MP
The Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Furolo

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

[In response, please quote File Ref: GO/05/423455]

Council at its meeting of the 9 September 2010 considered your invitation for comment on the questions raised in the issues paper produced by the Joint Standing Committee and/or comment on issues relevant to local government elections and the terms of reference for the inquiry.

Council resolved that the Joint Standing Committee be advised of the following responses:

- a) That the Council is in favour of public funding in principle.
- b) That an equal cap on total expenditure per candidate be instituted as part of the model.
- c) That the amount of public funding entitlement to a candidate be subject to the normal electoral provisions.
- d) That the public funding sources be derived from either State and / or Federal sources.

In addition to these initial responses a Special meeting of the Finance and Management Committee has been scheduled for the 27 September 2010, the aim of which is to consider further submissions on this matter from Councillors. Council is therefore respectfully requesting an extension be granted to allow a further, more detailed submission to be lodged after the closing date for submissions.

I look forward to your advice on this matter.

Yours faithfully



Trevor Rowling
for J W Rayner
General Manager