

INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

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The Committee is to report by 12 March 2010. Please send your submissions to: Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000. For further details, contact Helen Minnican on 02 9230 2062.

Submission on Electoral funding 2010

- My belief is that Electoral funding should not be issued to Political Parties or persons.
- That the process of Democratic Electioneering be handled by the State Election Commission to be fair and equitable for all.
- That the closing date for all Candidates should be twelve weeks prior to an Election Day, so their citizenship status and criminal clearance be verified.
- That they not be able to electioneer using printed or verbal material promoting their Candidature stating "Vote One" or meaning the till six weeks prior to the voting date.
- That each Candidate presents a photograph, resume and policy document of about 4 pages to the State Electoral Commission on the closing date i.e. twelve weeks prior to an election.
- That the Government print a booklet for each Electorate containing the photograph, resume and policy for each Candidate running for the House of Representative in that Electorate, and include in it the same for each Candidate running for the Legislative Council.
- Include in it the sample preferences of each party or person running.
- That each Candidate sign an affidavit that the facts presented are accurate and true.
- That this booklet be delivered to each registered voter at least two weeks prior to the election date.
- That if Parties or persons wish to advertise or promote they do it at their own expense, limited to \$50,000 in each Electorate with no reimbursements.
- That they still are required to account for moneys received and spent within 90 days of the Election.

For me the process should be as evaluated by members of persons as applying for a position within a Company Board. Treat the voters as shareholders and allow them to research the qualifications of each person intending to represent them.

Sincerely

