

**Submission**

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# **Review of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 and the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981**

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This submission refers to the Resolution passed 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012, minutes No 7, Item 3, Section 4)c):

1. The effect of changes to the EFE&D Act make compliance by independent and small community group candidates so onerous as to represent a barrier to entry in the electoral process.
2. The low level of compliance with the Election Funding and Disclosures Amendment Act (2010) at the last state election should indicate this act is unenforceable.
3. The EF&DA Act (2010) represents an unfair advantage to political parties with the organisational and financial resources to ensure compliance.
4. The Election Funding Amendment (Political Donations and Expenditure) Act (2008) should be amended to impose an expenditure cap on candidates and groups of candidates.
5. The flaws inherent in this legislation leave the Election Funding Authority exposed to court challenges it would likely lose and be required to pay costs and/or compensation.
6. The EFE&D Act is contrary to the spirit of democracy.

This submission is authorised by the executive committee of the Wianamatta Community Alliance.

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