

**Submission
No 70**

INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I restrict my submission to my observations of the current regulations regarding the declaring of donations to political parties at council meetings.

It concerns me that councillors can declare a developer has made donations to their political party, but that these donations will not affect their intention to make an objective decision regarding development applications lodged by said developer.

This is, in my view, a disingenuous practice which makes a mockery of independence in decision making at the local government level.

In other words the law, as it stands, does not relieve local communities of the problem of having councillors making decisions on behalf of mates

Councillor Julie Bourke