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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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Political party funding is out of control.

Developers and big business have latched onto the opportunity to have direct access to government as a reward for political donations.

This is an avenue not open to everyday residents, who are the most adversely affected by planning decisions of the NSW Government.

The lot of residents is further eroded by the actions of the Minister for Planning taking over the planning powers of local councils. The new planning body formed to take-over councils' development consent power, has no resident representative. This is outrageous.

Residents have nowhere to go. We do not have the means to buy our way with the government or the Planning Department.

I urge you to recommend that there be strict limits on the amount of political donations and the amount that political parties can spend on election campaigns.

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