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## INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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Political donations show voters that Members of Parliament and political parties can be "bought" by those with enough money to respond to the donors' bidding.

Donors influence the decisions made by politicians who should, instead, be mindful of the needs of the people.

Corporations, businesses, wealthy individuals and professionals make donations to political parties in expectation of generous financial returns. Why else would they donate other than for favours?

Donations replace the voice of the people.

Donor-funded advertising and public relations corrupts the election process by ensuring the election of those who advertise best, rather than those who will govern best.

We see the urban planning mess we are in with inadequate transport infrastructure and inadequate open space. This is occurring despite the huge and growing need for both because the government is overly concerned to keep happy the medium density property developers who see no return in providing meaningful open space and sporting fields. Open space and sporting fields are seen as "wasted" space by property developers. The donor system is a form of bribery.

Politicians who receive donations place themselves in the position of not being trusted by the people.

Politicians are paid by the people to plan for the people not to be donors' puppets. There is ample evidence of poor vision and poor urban planning. It is a result of politicians and political parties being influenced by developers' donations. We are seeing developments that exceed the capabilities of their sites, that exceed infrastructure provisions, that ignore the overall valuable context and that are parasitic on that context and surrounds. Urban Planning is being done to meet developers' greed instead of providing for the people and instead of being respectful and mindful of the context.

**I can provide a guided tour that will illustrate the above.**

