

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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I would like to make a submission regarding **political donations** to political parties.

1. All political donations should be capped to try in some small way to stop the buying of NSW political parties and politicians.
2. A year or so ago a prominent developer actually stated on national TV that he had made large donations to the Labor Party and wouldn't have given the money unless he knew he was able to get into the Premier's door for discussions.
3. A donation amount of \$16.7 million can only be described as complete corruption, allowing the Labor Party to buy its way into power.
4. Politicians and governments should be running the state/country with a "people first" attitude, not "money/greed first and then we will tell the people what we have decided" attitude. You cannot put your trust into politicians who have benefited from these donations.
5. If people were first, then we wouldn't be having stupid deals being done with developers, contractors and high profile people regarding our roads, selling off our schools and public lands, and ever increasing ridiculous high density housing. Politicians change from the minute they are elected, as they quickly learn that "money rules".
6. Some of this can be stopped by capping the amount of political donations, so that all political parties are on an even footing and that developers and contractors do not corrupt and take second place to the wishes of the people.

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