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## **INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING**

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I wish to make the following submission to the above enquiry.

It is widely perceived by the community that political donations from corporations, industry associations, trade unions, lobby groups and the like are nothing short of being simple bribes. This is particularly so in the case of the current NSW Government, although the opposition if in Government would be no better. Of particular concern is the so called donations from vested interests such as developers.

The other issue of concern is the use by Government Ministers of their position to generate donations / fund raisings by hosting functions such as dinners and the like. These practices are an abuse of privilege and power and any such funds raised should not belong to political parties but to the Treasury.

I submit that:

1. Donations from corporations, industry associations, lobby groups and the like be capped at \$1,000 per annum
2. All donations of whatever amount must be publicly disclosed.
3. Fund raising dinners and the like be either banned or any funds raised be paid to Treasury.

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