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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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whilst there are many more points to make these are my main concerns.

CONTROL ON DONATIONS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR

A donations cap per individual should be established (eg \$1000 per party per annum)

Free use of public rooms during an election period

Free airtime for political broadcasts

Public funding should be available on an equitable basis to all contestants of an election.

We want a donor-free democracy.

Business and other donor entities expect a large financial return on any donations they make to political parties or politicians.

Donor-funded advertising and public relations corrupts the election process by ensuring the election of those who can advertise best, rather than those who can govern best. The result is hopeless government services such as health, crime protection, road safety, child protection, court systems, planning, drugs, alcohol abuse, gambling and many more.

Ministers paid by the public to perform their duties should not double dip by being paid for meetings or dinners with certain individuals so privileged, thus ensuring benefits for the rich and neglect for the poor who cannot afford to pay more than taxes.

We have a situation of people's issues and lives versus dirty money. When that happens, money always wins.

Politicians in the pay of private interests cannot be trusted by the people.

Political donors should be banned from any contact with politicians and any money or advantage they gain from government should be deemed to flow from their donation and be payable into a public fund.

Sincerely

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