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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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I would like to submit my beliefs on this matter:

If John Laws can (and was) prosecuted for "cash for comment", then what about equal rights for pollies?

To deliver special concessions to someone in return for money is corruption.

Cash for comment in the media is trivial in comparison to cash for concessions, dough for decisions, and even loot for legislation in politics. We normally associate corruption with countries like Indonesia, Philippines, Burma and Zimbabwe. While our style corruption may be "hidden" and difficult to see, the odour is just as poignant and objectionable.

Corruption destroys democracy. We must crush the "cash for concession" mind-set that is creeping into our politics.

I often vote Labour, but with this issue in the air, I will vote last for those who indulge in this style of politics. Sadly, I reside in an electorate where we are all dis-enfranchised. It does not matter for whom I vote, as the same party always wins. But wait! I still have a vote in the Upper House, and here my vote COUNTS!!

Cash for Concession is corruption, and there must be severe criminal sanctions for this.

Spending on elections must be limited to values much lower than currently spent.

All donations over \$1000 must be publically declared and audited.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Chorley