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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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Dear Committee,

Political donations are a misnomer - they are bribes that corrupt democracy .

All politicians are paid by the people, why should they be bribed and controlled by big corporations destroying the environment?

Political bribes in New South Wales prove that Members of Parliament and political parties can be "bought" by those with enough money, to do what donors want.

Politicians, paid by the public and using their money who are in fact controlled by donors, can be compared with medieval monarchs who were controlled by their financiers who enabled them to fight wars and gain their crowns.

The environment is being trashed, and Legislation is overruled by mad ministers pandering to greedy subdividers engineering floodplains that were never meant to be built on.

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

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 in health, crime protection, road safety, child protection, court systems, planning, drugs, alcohol abuse, gambling and many more. The bureaucratic scum rises to the top as party apparatchiks become tomorrow's politicians.

Ministers paid by the public to perform their duties should not double dip by being paid for meetings or dinners with corporate individuals, thus ensuring benefits for the rich and neglect for the poor who cannot afford to pay more than taxes. Get your snouts out of the trough and start acting in the public interest!

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. We don't trust you - so stop it!

Sincerely,
Jill Walker