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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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I write to address the issue of political donations.

Political donations are widely seen as corrupting of the political process, on the principle that no-one is willing to make a donation unless there is a return on the investment. The cost is a dis-engaged and cynical community. In New South Wales this perception applies particularly to the hotels and developer corporate donations. It can be argued confidence in our political process is at rock-bottom in New South Wales.

This of itself is enough reason to ban corporate and outside-NSW political donations. Individual donations need to be monitored.

To re-establish the integrity of the political process, election advertising and election funding need also to be addressed. Third party advertising should be banned, and advertising be restricted to un-spun factual statements, with a ceiling to spending. Further election funding should be expanded and initiatives taken to ensure all candidates' platforms are accessible to the electorate.

There needs to be a rigorous and public accountability on the above.

Regards,

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