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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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Please accept this submission to the Inquiry into Political Party Funding.

I feel most strongly that the existing unregulated funding of / donations to Political Parties seriously corrupts our democracy and must be abandoned.

Wealthy corporations donate funds for one reason only and that is to distort the political process towards their own interests. It makes a mockery of the fundamental democratic principle of "One person one vote"

The effects of large donations go way beyond the election process because they strongly influence the business decisions of the government towards donor development projects resulting in incompetence, neglect and lack of care by government in management of hospitals, schools, public transport, child abuse and the court system, to name only a few.

Canada manages very well indeed when limiting donations to \$1000 by individuals and a similar annual limit should be established for individuals with corporations, trade unions etc banned from donating

The present administration has an appalling record of public disclosure and measures should be adopted to monitor and enforce these regulations.

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