

**Submission
No 44**

INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

Organisation:

Name: Ms Shirley Drake

Telephone:

Date received: 1/02/2008

If as reported in S.M.H. that a substantial donation is required to get a meeting with a minister or Premier then the N.S.W. political process is debased. Donors could expect government to be influenced to benefit their business in return for their donation. A government which can be "bought" by businessmen with enough money leaves other services, i.e. hospitals, mental health, education, etc. depleted of government funding.

I recommend that:

- * A donation from an individual, corporation, trade union to political parties be capped.
- * There be a limit on the amount a political party can spend on an election campaign.
- * There be public disclosure of donations received and election expenditure with sanctions for breaking electoral funding regulations.

Shirley Drake