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## **INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING**

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Parliament House  
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Dear Sir,

**Submission-Electoral and Political Party Funding**

I wish to send comments to the Select Committee on the Electoral and Political Party Funding as follows:

- 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 thus unsatisfactory govern services such as health, crime prevention, road safety, child protection, court systems, planning, drugs, alcohol abuse, gambling and many more.
- political donors should be prohibited from any contact with politicians and any money or advantage they gain from government, should be deemed to flow from their donation and be payable in to a public fund.
- **Political donations corrupt democracy** - politicians are paid by the people, controlled by donors.
- Pre-election advertising should be strictly limited to factual statements about past performance compared with past promises and future policies.
- A donations cap per individual should be capped ( eg \$1000.00 per party per annum.
- Public funding should be available on an equitable basis to all contestants of an election.
- there should be a limit on what a party can send during an election.
- Effective sanctions for breaking electoral funding regulations should be established, including loss of office.

I wish my comments to be taken in to account when the enquiry is completed.

Yours sincerely,

John Wiggin