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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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We wish to make the following submission to the Enquiry:

Donations from the private sector should be controlled and capped

A donations cap per individual should be established (e.g. \$1000 per party per annum)

Donations from corporations, trade unions, associates and other organizations, from trust funds and from anyone outside New South Wales should be prohibited

Transfers within parties from outside NSW should be prohibited

Certain types of donations should be banned such as from gambling organizations

Elections should be publicly funded

To take the place of reduced private donations public funding of elections should be increased. This could take the form of:

- **Assistance in the form of free mailings**
- **Free use of public rooms during an election period**
- **Free airtime for political broadcasts**

Public funding should be available on an equitable basis to all contestants of an election.

Election spending should be limited

There should be a limit on what a party can spend during an election.

Enforcement measures should be monitored

Timely public disclosure of donations received and election expenditure should be mandatory so that the media and the public can be rapidly informed of trends and of any transgressions. Parties should be obligated to place on a website details of monthly electoral income and expenditure in similar form to the final election reporting currently required to the NSW Electoral Funding Authority.

Effective sanctions for breaking electoral funding regulations should be established, including loss of office.

Yours sincerely,

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