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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe that donations to political parties should be prohibited. Our elected representatives should always be and be seen to be above suspicion of corruption. That is not the case with our current NSW government. Property developers privately boast that they have governments departments in their pockets and if you want a meeting with a minister take your brown paper bag with you. Whether these statements are true or untrue ( hopefully they are untrue) the point is that they are being said and believed. Our governments integrity should not be something snickered about and questioned. It should be above reproach. Sadly it is not.

By accepting donations from developers and large corporations it is giving the impression it can be controlled by these donors. At the very least there should be absolute public disclosure of every cent that political parties receive and spend. Election spending should be strictly capped and funded from the public purse. There should be no third party advertising.

Politicians who accept funds from private interests cannot be trusted by the people. We want NSW to prosper. We want our elected officials to stand for something, to be people to be looked up to. We want to trust and respect our government and be proud of our state.

Yours sincerely

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