

**Submission
No 79**

INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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Dear Honourable Members,

As the President of the Australian Business Party, a new political party established to make representations on behalf of Small Businesses, their families and workers, I would like to submit the following recommendation.

1) To increase funding for Local Government Elections to allow independent rate payers to stand for elections with the help of the NSW Government.

At Local Level the State Government should be supporting more community interaction and support of independent candidates. If a pensioner or a single mother for example wanted to stand as an independent, the NSW Government should make available a grant to aid with their election expenditure. This should be a figure set by Parliament in consultation with the wider community.

I hope that my recommendation may assist you with your deliberations.