

**Supplementary
Submission
No 133a**

INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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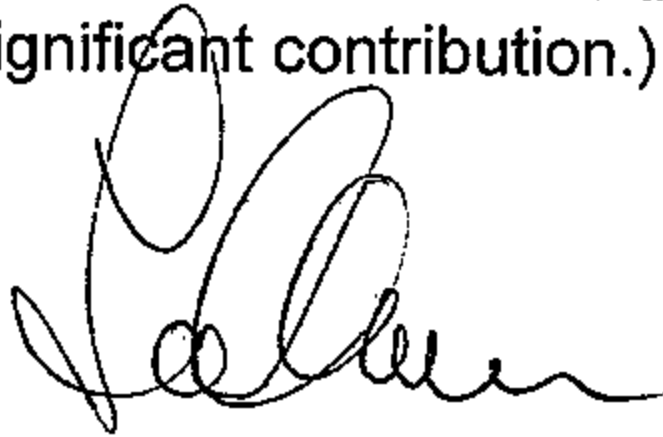
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8 May 2008

Reverend, the Hon Fred Nile
Chairman, Select Committee on Electoral and Political Party Funding
NSW Parliament House
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I had the privilege of attending the Inquiry's public forum held on 4 April, 2008. I also spoke to my submission to the inquiry. Since then, I thought it might interest you to read two resolutions passed by Randwick Council at its meeting 25 March 2008 (reconvened 8 April).

I believe these resolutions are a measure of the Inquiry's success in opening the debate and allowing the public to observe and express their views on the current political donation process. Importantly, they show a general acceptance by Councillors that political donations should cease. (Residents don't believe this will wipe out corruption but it will certainly make a significant contribution.)



Randwick Council meeting 25 March 2008.

80/08 **RESOLUTION:** That Council:

- a) Calls on candidates in the 2008 Local Council Elections for Randwick City to refuse to accept donations from property developers, pubs and clubs and will convey this view to them in writing following their nominations;
- b) Writes to the Minister for Local Government calling for amendment to the electoral laws to ban developer donations and require improved disclosure of all other political donations prior to the 2008 Local Government Elections;
- c) Will have any political donations received by elected Councillors prior to and after the 2008 Local Government Elections posted on the Council web site; and
- d) Will move to oblige the declaration of political donations on Development Applications submitted to Randwick City Council

77/08 **RESOLUTION:** That:

- a) Council notes that the Randwick ALP Councillors have agreed to the following donation policy for local Government elections:

Donations to individual Councillors are not to be accepted but general campaign donations may be directed to the registered State branch of a party, or in the case of independents to an established account with the State Electoral Office;

No donations be solicited nor accepted from developers (i.e. companies or entities whose primary purpose and trading activity is property development);

That any development application involving an applicant who has made political donations at or subsequent to the 2004 Local Government election be referred to an IHAP;

- b) in relation to previous announcements, this Council congratulate and endorse the view that in the state of NSW we move to a fully funded public donation system where there are no donations and political parties or independents are funded by the state;
- c) Council note that Greens councillors request the ALP councillors to consider including a further point in their policy, namely that no donations be solicited or accepted from hotel proprietors/owners, that is companies and entities whose primary purpose is the operation of licenced premises; and
- d) Council note that the Randwick Liberal candidates at the September 2008 local government elections will be either publicly funded, if the new legislation has been approved, or self funded if the legislation has not been passed.