

**Submission  
No 3**

## **INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2023**

**Organisation:** NSW Labor  
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## **Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch) Submission**

### **Electoral Funding Amendment Bill 2023 (NSW)**

To the Honourable Members of the Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance.

On 3 August 2023, the Electoral Funding Amendment Bill 2023 was introduced to the NSW Legislative Council. The Bill seeks to reinstate an expenditure cap for third-party campaigners for state by-elections in 29(11) of the Electoral Funding Act 2018 (NSW). This follows the High Court of Australia decision to declare invalid the third-party campaigner's expenditure cap in section 29(10) of the Electoral Funding Act 2018.

The proposed cap in the Bill is \$225,900 representing the amount recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) in November 2022 (being \$198,750 adjusted by indexation).

The Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch) supports the proposed cap of \$225,900 in the Electoral Funding Amendment Bill 2023 (NSW) and relies upon the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) in November 2022.

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