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To: <u>Have Your Say (DoJ)</u>
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to contribute to the review of the Electoral Act 2004, and encourage that the Government will consider making amendments to the Electoral Act for a democratic and humane-centric election campaign.

Some of the things that concerned me in the 2018 Tasmanian state election were the following:

- non-disclosure of Party donations and in real time;
- The bombardment of advertising material through any media (e.g. multiple posters of one candidate on one site was unnecessary and an eye-sore). This campaign style was divisive to our community and waste of money.

It was disgraceful. We can lead a competitive political campaign without all the bombardment of advertising material.

As a contribution to the review, I support the following points and would like the review to consider including them as amendments:

- A fixed disclosure threshold of \$1,000, to be calculated cumulatively over a whole party group.
- The regulation of political advertising be reviewed to include a limit of the campaigning material including: news media, social media, billboards, street side posters and large format campaigning material.
- Provide online, continuous real-time disclosure to the Australian Electoral
 Commission of donations to political parties, candidates and associated entities;
- Public funding of election campaigns to be equal to the Commonwealth and other States:
- A cap on expenditure for individual candidates and parties in House of Assembly elections:
- Corresponding regulation of the political activities of third parties and associated entities;
- A donation cap of \$3,000 aggregate per donor, per parliamentary term; and
- Banning donations from all corporate donors, e.g. property developers, tobacco, liquor and gaming industries to be banned.
- Banning donations from foreign countries, and foreign-related investments.

Could you please tell me when this review will be brought to Parliament? Kind regards,

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