

Electoral Act Review

Submission by Tom Kingston

I have some reservations regarding the Draft of the Electoral Act changes and I believe that Tasmania currently has the weakest donations disclosure framework of any State or Territory in Australia.

I would like to see the following added as key issues to be introduced to this bill.

A fixed disclosure threshold of \$1,000, to be calculated cumulatively over a whole party group;

Online, continuous real-time disclosure to the Australian Electoral Commission of donations to political parties, candidates and associated entities;

Public funding of election campaigns like 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. At a minimum donations from property developers, tobacco, liquor and gaming industries and be banned.

I also support banning donations from foreign interests.

Thank you

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