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Electoral Act Review

I am writing to raise the importance of resolving the issues around the public's concern over political donations and why it is long overdue for reform, both at a State and Federal level.

The electorate no longer trusts the major parties because they appear, far too often, to be representing big corporations in and out of Australia.

The current electoral system has led to the corruption of politics.

Politicians are there to represent the people. That is why we pay taxes. Those taxes are there to build the national assets that support the human rights of the citizens of Australia, not to support the wealthy elites.

In order for the public to regain trust in the political process governments, both State and Federal, must

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->a) <!--[endif]-->Place a cap on all political donations
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->b) <!--[endif]-->Provide total real time public disclosure of all political donations.

It would be far better if there were no political donations at all, which would inevitably lead to more accountability.

A contemporary government-based system would provide a clear picture of political aspiration and platforms. A new sophisticated system would encourage people to think more about their own political

leanings and would lead to greater understanding of the political process. The result would be better informed public and the process more honest.

The influence of the Gaming industry in the last State Election in Tasmania basically bought the election win for the Liberal party. We still don't know where the influence came from because

much of the indirect donor information has been largely hidden from the public. It is not good enough in a Democracy. Unfortunately, it is looking less like an autonomous society every day.

We have too much to lose now for selfish politics to continue in this way.

It requires the <u>urgent</u> attention of Government to clear the way for an honest result in all future elections including the upcoming Federal Election. Please act now.

Thank you for your time,

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