

I have been increasingly worried about the state of the Tasmanian electoral system and submit the following to the inquiry. We have the most lax disclosure laws in the country and it is embarrassing.

There should be increased public funding of election campaigns – both state and federal – in this way private and corporate donations (and thus influence) will be reduced and capped.

I would like to see real-time disclosure to the Australian Electoral Commission of donations to political parties and candidates. This should be available on line at all times. The last state election was so obviously influenced by the gambling industry- wall to wall adverts in television and huge (and expensive) advertisements in all the local newspapers.

If people or other parties want to make a donation to a political party, there should be a threshold of \$1,000. It would also be essential for a cap to be put on expenditure for individual candidates and parties in House of Assembly elections;

All donations from all corporate donors should be banned. At a minimum donations from property developers, tobacco, liquor and gaming industries and be banned.

It is really important to ban donations from foreign countries as I am fearful of undue political influence.