Panel of Experts – Political Donations

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to submit that all of the following points should be taken into account, for donations made to political parties.

- Donations from mining companies, their staff and contracted public relations and lobbying firms should be prohibited immediately.
- Steps must be taken immediately to prevent the caps and prohibitions that apply in New South Wales being circumvented by the use of Federal affiliates in the lead up to the 2015 election.
- As complementary measures to donations reform, New South Wales needs to implement the outstanding items from the 17 recommendations to clean up lobbying made by the ICAC in 2010 and the outstanding ICAC recommendations for cleaning up the planning and development approval process.
- Donations disclosure should be more timely and made more accessible in user-friendly databases for the public to search for key terms and names, with data able to be downloaded, and viewed across time.

Yours faithfully,

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