Thankyou for the opportunity to participate in this most important process.

I wish to make the following submission to the Panel of Experts - Political Donations.

I wish to record my following opinions:

- All donations (including those made as monies, or as 'in-kind', or as promises/agreements/understandings) from mining companies, their staff and contracted public relations and lobbying firms should be prohibited immediately.

- All donations (including those made as monies, or as goods, or as 'in-kind', or as promises/agreements/understandings) from developers individually, or developer companies, their staff and contracted public relations and lobbying firms should be prohibited immediately.

- That the disclosure of donations be more timely and frequent.

- Immediate steps must be taken to prevent the caps and prohibitions that apply to donations in New South Wales from being circumvented by the utilisation of Federal affiliates in the lead up to the forthcoming election which is to be held in New South Wales during 2015.

- As complementary measures to donations reform, the New South Wales Government needs to implement the outstanding items from:
  - The 17 recommendations made by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in 2010 to ‘clean up’ the lobbying of politicians, and
  - The outstanding ICAC recommendations for ‘cleaning up’ the planning and development approval processes in New South Wales.

- Donation records should be retained publically in perpetuity, and remain fully accessible to the public across time.

- Donations should be reported to the public in database format which is fully accessible, ‘user-friendly’, and that allows the public to search and query the data using key terms and names.

- The donations databases should include all Ministerial Decisions, and all members’ of the NSW parliament voting records pertaining to specific mining, planning and development approvals, development proposals, unsolicited development proposals, and amendments to approved developments.

- The donation databases should have functionalities that allow the public to track specific mining, planning and development approvals, development proposals, unsolicited development proposals, and amendments to approved development decisions against donations, and donators, and ministerial decisions, and parliamentary voting records.

- The public should be able to download and retain the donations data, and be able to view donations data across time.

yours faithfully

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