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TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND

CANDIDATES

I fully endorse the recommendations of the dissenting report by ALP members. I would like to add the following:

- that participation in election campaigns be encouraged by allowing 3 hours' paid leave for citizens per week, instead of making donations tax-deductible. Their employers could be reimbursed by the government.
- that no overseas donations, or loans, to parties or associated entities be permitted.
- that political lobbyists be banned from contact with election candidates for the duration of a campaign, with a view to banning lobbyists altogether in the near future,

sincerely,

Louise McManus