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Senate Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations  
Parliament House  
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Dear Committee Secretary

ExxonMobil Australia welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Senate Select Committee in relation to the inquiry into the Political Influence of Donations.

ExxonMobil Australia's policy on political donations is clear and transparent. We do not make contributions to political candidates and political parties. This position is reinforced to our employees and contractors through regular mandatory training.

Notwithstanding the company's political donation position, we respect the personal liberties of our employees and officers that choose to donate to political parties or candidates as private citizens, but do so, not as representatives of ExxonMobil Australia.

Complementing our stance on political donations, ExxonMobil Australia also has a rigorous 'gifts and entertainment' policy, and an anti-corruption policy which contain provisions relevant to government officials. Key features include thresholds for allowable gifts and entertainment, and escalating approvals that increase the transparency within our broader organisation in relation to any gifts to or entertainment of a government official.

ExxonMobil Australia's stance on community engagement and giving is different. ExxonMobil Australia proudly and actively partners with, sponsors and donates to community groups. Over the last seven years, we have donated more than \$7 million into the Australian social fabric of society. ExxonMobil Australia fervently believes that having a strong social licence to operate is the bedrock for maintaining longevity in community and government support.

Please contact Tristan Menalda, Senior Government Relations Adviser for ExxonMobil Australia on [REDACTED], for any queries with respect to this submission.

Yours faithfully