



13 November 2017

Mr Gerry McNally
Committee Secretary
Senate Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations

Via email: politicaldonations.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr McNally

Thank you for your letter to Ms Kate Dykes dated 6 November 2017.

The Australian Labor Party fully complies with its fundraising and financial disclosure obligations under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

The ALP is committed to further reforms to strengthen accountability and transparency measures in relation to political donations.

If elected, a Shorten Labor Government will:

- Reduce the donation disclosure threshold from the current level of \$13,000 (indexed to inflation) to a fixed \$1,000;
- Ban 'donation splitting' where donations are spread between different branches of political parties and associated entities – like the Free Enterprise Foundation – to avoid disclosure obligation;
- Prohibit the receipt of foreign donations;
- Ban the receipt of anonymous donations above \$50;
- Link public funding to campaign expenditure to prevent serial candidates making a windfall from standing for election; and
- Introduce new offences and increased penalties for abuses of the political donation disclosure regime.

Yours sincerely

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