

Submission in support of restricting political donations

To Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees,

In regard to the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) I, Erian Thompson, Australian citizen and university student, fully support this decision.

The purpose of the amendments in the bill is to prevent certain industries from making political donations, specifically:

- property developers
- the tobacco industry
- the banking industry
- liquor and gambling businesses
- pharmaceuticals companies
- the mining industry and
- representative organisations for these industries.

The bill also imposes a cumulative limit on donations from any source of \$3,000 per election term.

Australia should be a democracy not a business. The younger generation want leaders who act in the best interest of our future not old, outdated politicians who are only interested in their own financial standing and power status since they will be dead long before they have to deal with the consequences of their actions.

Parties who accept donations from large corporations are accepting bribes to pass bills and make decisions that support those companies; nobody is fooled by the disguise of 'donation'. Take a page out of the green book and work for the money you need to campaign yourself. At this stage, our government is grossly out of proportion in representation. Decisions that affect the Australian people should be made by those people not those who are only interested in their own self gain.

Sincerely,

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