



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
report:

*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other
Measures) Bill 2020*

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Introduction

On 3 December 2020, the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee tabled a report titled *Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020*.

The Government's response to the recommendations of the Report follows below.

Government Response to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee report: Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020.

#	Recommendation	Government Response
1	The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020 not be passed.	<u>Noted</u> The Government notes the recommendation. Given the passage of time, a substantive government response is no longer appropriate.

Dissenting report by Australian Greens

#	Recommendation	Government Response
1	That the Bill be passed, with amendments outlined below.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.
2	Ensure AEC funding is adequate to allow implementation of the Bill.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.
3	That the government implement the recommendations made by the Senate Select Committee Inquiry into the Political Influence of Donations.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.
4	That the government adopt the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.
5	That the definition of 'third party' refer to an 'electoral expenditure threshold', rather than the	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.

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	disclosure threshold, for triggering when organisations become subject to reporting obligations.	
6	That the Bill be augmented and add provisions repealing ss.302CA and 314B of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.
7	That the Government commence a review of the electoral expenditure framework, in line with the principles outlined by Transparency International.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.

Dissenting report by Jacqui Lambie Network

#	Recommendation	Government Response
1	Notwithstanding the Liberal Party's warnings about it being mocked by left wing Twitter users, JLN recommends that the Senate pass the bill.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.