



Electoral Commissioner

Ms Lyn Beverley Secretary Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee The Senate Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

Re: Inquiry into Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Legislation Committee's inquiry into Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016.

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) considers that the matters raised in the Terms of Reference are best determined by the Parliament and does not intend to comment on the Terms of Reference.

I would however draw the Committee's attention to the AEC's submission of 4 March 2016 to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matter's inquiry into political donations. This submission contains a discussion of broader topics around funding and disclosure.

Yours sincerely

Tom Rogers

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