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Subject: CM: Submission to Cth Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters concerning funding and disclosure for Review of the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018

Hello,

Please see below for my submission to the above.

Political donations at both Commonwealth and State level (and Local Government) are dangerous to democracy.

The following results from political donations:

- Destruction of public trust in decision making
- Undue influence from certain parties to the detriment of others
- Decisions not being merit based, and can result in poor outcomes for the taxpayer or affected third parties

In WA we are seeing political donations influencing planning policy resulting in very poor planning outcomes on traffic and social infrastructure.

This is akin to "Privatising the profits and socialising the costs".

Donations (monetary and in-kind) to political parties should be banned.

Regards

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