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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the findings of the recent corruption report into Queensland's state government. The possibility of government corruption is a concern I have held for quite some time and I am sad, but not surprised at the outcomes of the investigation.

It has become obvious that public push back, dissent, and even outrage can no longer successfully persuade the government to act in accordance with the public's interest. It is my belief that corruption is the root cause of the government making decisions that do not align with constituent opinion, economic wellbeing, and physical safety in some cases.

There has never been such outspoken objection to a development project as there has been to the Adani coal mine, yet planning still carries on. I cannot help but think that corporate donations to government have allowed the farce to go on for as long as it has. As Mr Berkman addressed in his speech to parliament, the continuation of the gambling lobby has led to many unfair laws being introduced that are clearly not in the public's interest or wellbeing. I can imagine that these examples are not isolated occurrences, and the public has just not been made aware of other examples where donations have influenced public policy.

It is my opinion that allowing the continuation of corporate donations to political parties undermines the very fabric of democracy and should not be allowed to continue. I support Mr Berkman's bill and will continue to raise public support and awareness for it, and any further bills introduced, until the law is changed to ensure the community's priorities come before corporate interests.

Regards,  
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