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I wish to make a submission in support of the Electoral Legislation (Political Donations) Amendment Bill 2018 as introduced by Mr Michael Berkman MP, Member for Maiwar, on 16 May 2018.

Current arrangements evidently allow individuals or organisations with sufficient power, especially financial power, to influence decisions made by governments. This influence is seriously disproportionate.

It undermines the democratic process, typically side-lining the interests of ordinary Australians in favour of the short-term vested interests of particular organisations or individuals - to the severe and long-term disadvantage of many, and sometimes all other, voters. This also typically results from existing arrangements and legislation which embody undue loopholes and other ways of preserving the thoroughly unethical practice of by-passing the equal representation of all voters interests in the interests of a few.

Legislation preventing this is urgently required. Accordingly, I believe legislation proposed by the Member for Maiwar should be enacted by the Queensland Government without delay. Please support it.

Thank you

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