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To the Committee,

This submission is in support of the Electoral Legislation (Political Donations) Amendment Bill 2018. I feel strongly that Queensland Parliament has been influenced by political donations. Donors receive favourable outcomes for example approvals of their development applications. This is fundamentally against the democratic principle of representation of the people and does not result in good outcomes for Queenslanders. Some examples include [REDACTED] getting approvals to build on top of Ramsar listed wetlands, [REDACTED] being built on prime public land when inner city schools are over capacity, public money for the [REDACTED] conglomerate to build a thermal coal mine despite the Paris Agreement to limit emissions and threatened species and no legitimate indigenous land use agreement, the list goes on.

it's time to clean up our politics. Political donations are not given by corporations and companies out of the goodness of their hearts. There is a direct link between the donations and favourable outcomes. If this does not directly constitute corruption than it is definitely a reasonable assumption that politicians are doing the bidding of their corporate donors. Donors get a direct business benefit from making these donations and this is further emphasised by the fact that companies donate to both major parties to 'have a bet both ways'. If these corrupting donations are taken out of the process, Queenslanders can benefit from better outcomes for people and the environment and more real representation.

Regards,

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