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I have recently been following the proposed changes to the political donation process.

During these times of such intense challenges to democracy, it is incredibly important that we strengthen our donation laws so that the influence of wealthy individuals and corporations is reduced to being the same as any other person. Money shouldn't buy power.

For example, the \$1.4B Toondah development in east Brisbane was approved by multiple levels of government after the Walker Corporation donated a quarter-million to the federal liberal party and Queensland state labour party. This is simply unacceptable and circumvents the democratic process in its entirety.

I implore you to strengthen our laws to the greatest extent.

Regards,

-Ben