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The chairman,  
Electoral committee.

I object strongly to this proposed legislation,, I have been developing real estate in this state since 1972. This industry contributes at least 15% to the state economy annually. Although I retired some 20 years ago in active development real estate, My son as managing director and I embarked upon the development of four retirement villages in south-east Queensland. These villages are depicted below my signature.

At present the development industry has been victimised by the government in that it cannot contribute to support political parties in the state election and local government.

Whereas the unions can contribute whatever they want. Hence the unions control all ministerial seats in this present Parliament.

At present the government is imposing punitive conditions on any project whether by costs of conditions and/or by allowing unions such as the CMFEU to control the works on site [REDACTED]  
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Is well known fact that the CMF EU recommends its favoured contractors to do a particular project it seeks to control and to the. It excludes all others by threat of strikes and other union destructive conditions upon the development site.

It is well known that the extra costs to the development is in the order of 30% which is shared by the unions and by the contractor and his subcontractors.

So this activity severely impacts the cost of office blocks, schools, hospitals and other public facilities.

This new legislation seeks to limit the amount of money a political party such as a Liberal party can contribute to the order of \$150,000 per electorate.


Whereas the unions may contribute up to \$1 million each which will have the effect of multiplying the amount of money the Labour Party can spend by a factor of 26.

This action is deplorable and is certainly an action of the socialist government in trying to rid itself of any opposition so they can affect any restrictions on the public and in particular the development community.

This legislation should not even be it in a position where it even discussed at committee level.

Democracy is the victim of this proposal.

Yours faithfully



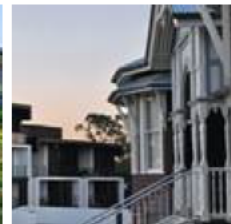
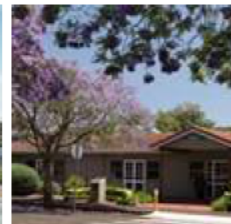
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