

Economics and Governance Committee

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I wish to comment on the proposed Qld Electoral changes.

Political Donation

I fully endorse placing caps on all political donations to parties and/or individuals. If limits apply to donors what prevents the donor from dividing his/her donation between other associates eg family members, who will then gift to the same candidate, thus increasing total of the amount donated but not by the one donor? What checks will be in place?

Donations to parties should be capped as that is income as a party can use its own money for election purposes knowing that donated money has filled the coffers.

“Gifts made to election participants without a donor statement will not be subject to the donations cap.” I disagree with this statement. All gifts whether financial or in kind must be capped.

Penalties for offences should be increased.

Public Election Funding

I am not supportive of public funding to be almost doubled for first preference vote. It is too much. I support a portion of this to be paid to candidates.

I disagree with public funding to be increased for parties to develop policies.

Expenditure Caps

The current proposed change is too high. The amounts for seats and/or individual candidates needs to be less from \$87000 to \$50000.

Signage at booths

No bunting should be permitted at booths nor at prepoll.

I would like to see less paper being wasted at booths and prepoll so limit handouts as well. Only allow advertising on clothing, hats etc.

Penalties for offences should be severe.

Integrity

I fully support changes that will improve integrity of elected candidates. Penalties for dishonest behaviour of candidates must be dealt with severely.

I look forward to honesty, transparency and accountability at local and state levels of government. Corrupt and dishonest behaviour will not be tolerated and dealt with severely.

Yours sincerely,

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