

Economics and Governance Committee

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To the Economics and Governance Committee

I am generally supportive of the proposed amendments.

I have a question relating to the following section on page 3 of the briefing paper:

“Gifts made to election participants without a donor statement will not be subject to the donations cap. Accordingly, gifts to registered political parties for federal campaign purposes or for general party administration purposes will not be capped but cannot be paid into the State campaign account to spend on electoral expenditure.”

Won't this simply allow a federal political party to allocate money towards a State campaign, knowing that pre-arranged donations for general party administration purposes will fill the void? It seems that a generous donor will still be able to bankroll a state campaign.

I favour tighter restrictions on election signage at polling places. Street entry to my local polling place is well over 100m away from the polling booth, so the unseemly and sometimes violent jostling for best signage position will continue.

Expenditure caps are different for endorsed party candidates compared to independents. There should be no difference.

King regards,
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