

Queensland



Council of Unions

Honorary President: Kate Ruttiman General Secretary: Michael Clifford

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Ms. Lucy Manderson
Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Ms. Manderson

Re: Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019

Reference is made to the abovenamed Bill that is the subject of an inquiry by the Economics and Governance Committee.

The Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) supports the general thrust of the Bill, insofar as it places limitations on expenditure by political parties and candidates in elections. Recent events have indicated the desirability for placing limitations on the amount that can be spent by political parties and candidates in elections.

The QCU does however have some reservations about the potential impact of the Bill on organisations other than political parties. We are concerned that the limitations placed on such organisation may restrict the ability of unions to represent members; peak councils to represent their affiliates; and community organisations to represent their respective constituencies.

The QCU and affiliated unions intend making further and more detailed submissions at the public hearing into the Bill (current to be confirmed for 20 January 2020).

Please contact the undersigned on 3010 2555 or [REDACTED] to further progress this matter.

Yours sincerely



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