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I wish to make the following submission on the above mentioned Bill. Reform in this area is of great importance to the community and as it seeks to improve the democratic governance at state and local levels.

My particular concern is about developer donations and handling of Conflict of Interest by councillors.

From my humble interpretation of the Bill, the definition of a “developer” seems to be too narrow and does not include many individuals or entities which may have vested interests in decisions especially at local government level.

Too often it has been found that candidates have not always followed the letter of the law with regards to donations, etc only to receive a minor reprimand and no action taken. This legislation should be given the teeth to follow through on any misdemeanours and those who have broken the law should be made to account for their actions and penalised accordingly.

As for the conflicts or perceived conflicts of interest of councillors, it should be mandated that they should absent themselves during discussion and particularly when a vote on matters concerning them is before the council. It would be unconscionable for them to remain in the room.

In this day and age it is imperative that legislation reform restores the public’s faith in the integrity, transparency and accountability our system of government.

Regards, Ms Robyn Deane



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