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I assisted in the Redland City Council elections in 2016 and I was advised that I was not to say that a particular candidate was independent and self funded. I believe there should be full disclosure regarding a candidate's allegiance and where the funds have come from to assist a candidate to run for a position. Every voter should be given or have access to information of this nature beforehand to allow an informed decision to be made. If a candidate is elected they are there to represent their constituents and to make the best possible decision for their area. Too often a member of Council has to excuse him or herself from voting on a particular matter because of conflict of interest and the majority of constituents are in the dark as to why. I would go further to say that no donations should be allowed by developers but as I understand it this does not form part of the recommendations currently at hand.

I do however agree with and support all recommendations of the Crime and Corruption Report and would hope that they be accepted in the Bill and that the Parliamentary Committee endorse these changes.

Thank you. Jo-Ann Perry

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