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Inquiry into Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025

The Property Council of Australia (PCA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Electoral Laws* (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025.

The Property Council of Australia is the leading voice for Queensland's property industry, with over 400 member companies in Queensland across the property sector, representing organisations that invest in, design, build and manage the homes, precincts and workplaces that support Queensland's growth. Our members are committed to delivering the housing supply, community infrastructure and employment land needed to ensure Queensland remains an affordable, attractive and globally competitive market.

Due to this, we will only be commenting on the components of the bill that relate to removing the ban on political donations for property developers and related industry bodies for state elections.

The Property Council has had a long-standing position on repealing this ban and ensuring fair and equitable treatment for the property sector alongside all other sectors and unions. As such, we commend the government for proposing changes to repeal the ban on state election developer donations.

Queensland's property industry is our state's biggest employer and will play an integral role in allowing our state to respond to the housing crisis and respond to growth.

It is crucial that the property sector is afforded the same treatment as all other industries and is enabled to contribute evenly to Queensland's democracy.

The demonisation of the property sector in recent years has had a serious impact on industry confidence, community acceptance of our industry, and in turn - the supply of projects that provide a place for Queenslanders to sleep, work and play.

It is vital to stress that decision making power has always resided with our politicians and regulators, and the only way to ensure the system operates fairly is to ensure politicians hold themselves to account when in public office and that every Queenslander is treated the same.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these matters further, please do hesitate to contact me on the contact me or via email to the contact me

Yours sincerely,



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