

# Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025

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The proposed amendments to Queensland's electoral laws are not in the best interest of the public.

First of all, the proposed change to allow more corporate funding of political campaigns. By allowing political donations of private property developers, the risk of corrupt decision making is elevated. This is an issue that we do not want to have when we are already experiencing a housing and cost of living crisis. The explanation given for removing the ban is to level the playing field with trade unions. However, trade unions are representing thousands of workers, meanwhile private property developers only serve the wealthy class, even at the cost of the public. These amendments should be seeking to eliminate all corporate financing of campaigns because corporations do not vote, people do. By allowing any corporate donations, a select few individuals that are responsible for running these companies are given immense resources to donate in their own interest. This is a resource that the average person does not have and gives wealthy individuals an unjust advantage in swaying political outcomes.

The exclusion of people serving sentences of greater than one year is also a concern. First of all, this decision will disproportionately impact Indigenous people as they are over represented in the justice system. Some minor crimes in the magistrate courts have maximum sentences of three years, well above the one year proposal. People that have committed minor crimes such as shoplifting or minor drug offences should not have their right to vote taken away.

All in all, I fail to see how these amendment are of any benefit to Queensland voters and urge that this bill not be passed and does not meet the aim of restoring public confidence in Queensland's electoral process.