

# Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025

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Despite its title, the Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025 is a thinly veiled attack on democracy, expanding access to paid influence by those who stand to gain from corrupting our politicians and biasing the campaign process towards candidates with access to loans and wealthy backers. Its few attempts to clean up some smaller issues with the electoral process are overshadowed by these clearly anti-democratic moves. Our elected politicians should not be beholden to billionaires and wealthy foreign interests but this bill appears intent on ensuring this occurs. Ordinary Queenslanders with modest resources will be even more sold out by a political class intent on enriching themselves and their overseas and/or billionaire backers by squandering commonly held resources and taxpayer money. This is not what we need in the face of rapidly rising inequality and the loss of the hope of home ownership and financial security for most younger Queenslanders, who face a future of wage slavery and exploitation by those entrusted to manage the affairs of this state in their interests. Shame on the government for even proposing this Bill, which clearly reveals a fundamentally anti-democratic agenda and an alarming degree of self-serving capitulation to foreign and wealthy interests. I would like to see it rejected in its entirety and a Commission of Enquiry established to review how it came to be proposed, to investigate the ongoing corruption of our democracy by current elected representatives and their financial backers, and to chart a way forward to truly making our democracy immune to capture by wealthy and/or foreign interests who have no care for the future of Queensland or its people