

# **Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025**

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Mr Martin Hunt MP, Chair  
Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Hunt

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission for the inquiry into *Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025*. This submission has been prepared by and made on behalf of the Animal Justice Party Queensland, a registered political party, with the endorsement of the State Committee.

After considering the bill and associated materials, Animal Justice Party Queensland:

- Strongly disagrees with the changes to the restrictions on political donations from property developers.
- Rejects the assertion that these changes will be more in line with the recommendations of the Belcarra report

The Belcarra report's scope was limited to integrity and addressing corruption risks of local governments in Queensland which obviously means the recommendations from the report are likewise limited to local government. Despite this fact recommendation 20 from the Belcarra report explicitly states that a prohibition on property developers donating to political parties and candidates "should reflect New South Wales provisions as far as possible". The committee should note that New South Wales provisions prevent property developers from donating at a local government AND state level.

The Belcarra report also states that “it will be necessary to prohibit donations from property developers to political parties or candidates at other levels of government from being used for local government purposes.”. The suggested amendments provide absolutely no mechanism for meeting this need and indeed the only practical way of ensuring donations at other levels of government aren’t used for local government purposes is to ban all donations from property developers.

As well as the Belcarra reports recommendation being more in line with the current bill than the proposed amendment, contrary to the assertion in the briefing paper, it is also patently obvious that the same corruption risk from property developer donations exists at a state level. The State Government has vast powers with regards to planning and development across the state which provides avenues for the State Government to give direct and indirect benefits to property developers, especially in regards to the preparations for the 2032 Olympic Games. Any government that is seriously committed to integrity, transparency and serving the public interest would do the opposite of this amendment and tighten restrictions on property developers' involvement in politics.

Yours faithfully,  
Gregory Dillon  
State Secretary  
Animal Justice Party Queensland