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Acting Committee Secretary Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

To whom it may concern,

My name is Bryon Hildyard, and I am a long term resident of the Redlands area. I am sending in my submission in regards to banning political donations. Here in the Redlands we "had" one of the last remaining koala populations in SEQ. Now, due to state laws and a local council who bend over backwards to assist developers, this is almost gone. Living standards down, tradffic congestion, lack of green space, all because developers are greasing the palms of local councillors.

The Redlands is now in ruins because of developers. Drive around the roads here early in the morning and see the road kill. My street which is suburbia now has animals such as scrub turkeys, possums and certain bird species roaming around looking for food and refuge. Three years ago this was not the case.

Of recent, Barro Group started work on the super quarry at Mount Cotton. No spotters in place, no policing of the trees being cleared. Mind you this is in the heart of the koala corridore. I phoned council to advise them that trees were being cleared illegally. First of all they denied any knowledge and said that unless I could give an exact address, no further action would take place. I pressed them to act, and finally a stop work order was issued. This is common in the Redlands. Money seems to buy anything here. My question is, if we as the public are forced to obey the law, then why does local council have another law to follow? Isn't the law for all to follow.

Banning political donations will flush out those grubby politicians and we will then get people in power who want to listen and help the public. The situation now is that favours from council are purchased with money, and the public have no rights.

Things need to change, not soon, but now.

Kind Regards

Bryon Hildyard

