

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

17/10/2017



Re: Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

Please accept the following submission supporting the above Bill.

[1] We strongly endorse banning donations from property developers to candidates for councils and state government, councillors and members of State Parliament, political parties and third parties in electoral and government processes.

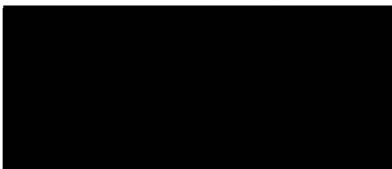
[2] What constitutes conflict of interest in council meetings should be much more clearly defined and managed. It should not simply be at the arbitrary discretion of a councillor in any given instance to decide what constitutes a conflict of interest or a material personal interest in making council decisions, and there should be penalties for non-compliance with clearly defined procedures and regulations.

[3] In line with the greater accountability and transparency that should result from the Bill in general, councils should not be permitted to set up units such as investment corporations or industry advisory panels which are totally opaque to public scrutiny and not subject to the checks and balances provided by improved regulatory measures.

[4] We suggest that there should be a financial cap on campaign expenditure by all candidates in council and state government elections in order to ensure that candidature is not restricted to the well endowed.

[5] We support all 31 recommendations in the Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017.

David and Susan Frampton



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