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I support the intent of the Local Govt Electoral & other legislation amendment Bill 2017 in trying to lessen the influence of developer donations in subsequent decisions made by parliament or Ministers that may benefit those developers. However the Bill does not go far enough in two ways.

There should be a total ban on all donations. Elections should be publicly funded but at a modest level. The influence of **all** interest groups should be taken out politics in terms of "paying" for subsequent decisions. The mining industry is just one other example of this.

Other ways that the *Game of Mates** operates should also be addressed. One of these is to provide extremely well paid employment for politicians who have provided favourable decisions for the industry or company. The Bill should include the banning of such employment.

*Murray, C. & Frijters, P. (2017) *Game of Mates: How favours bleed the nation*. ISBN 9780648061106

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