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My name is David Fabian Pincus. My mailing address is [REDACTED] and my daytime telephone number is [REDACTED]. My email address is [REDACTED]. I write to comment on the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017.

I have spent many hours trying to ensure that development in Queensland advances the present utility and the future prospects of the State. My particular interest is in trying to increase the appearance and ambience of Brisbane and to help it retain the features that attract people to Brisbane, while it expands for the increase in population that is forecast to occur.

I consider that this Bill is vital to prevent vested interests from biasing the legislative process to suit their ends. Specifically, developer donations are a blueprint for corruption of the legislative process and a way of circumventing our democratic process so that a minority has a greater say than the bulk of the population who are residents.

Short-sighted concentration on getting “jobs” is a good idea, as long as it is not at the cost of having Queensland become a place with second-class accommodation, ignoring local traditions and destroying any link with the past. This repels visitors and hinders the further economic development of the State in the long run. Developer donations result in development of structures with a high return on investment immediately, but a possibility of becoming slums in the future. The developments often also cause loss of utility and ambience for present residents because its form is dictated by the need for an economic return, rather than the needs and wishes of present and future occupants.

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