

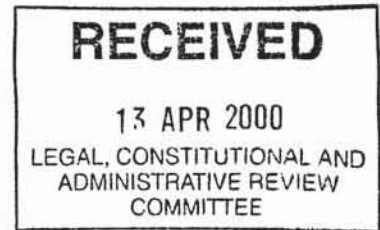
Liberal Party of Australia Queensland Division



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Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
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Dear Mr Fenlon

Thank you for giving the Liberal Party of Australia (Qld Division) the opportunity to comment on your inquiry into various issues of Queensland electoral reform.

As a volunteer organisation, the Liberal Party is very supportive of moves to make our disclosure obligations easier to follow. We therefore support any move to make the State and Federal disclosure legislation the same.

The Liberal Party supports the threshold amount for reporting be increased to the level prescribed in the Commonwealth Electoral Act, namely \$1,500.

For the reasons outlined above, the Liberal Party would like to see the requirement to categorise the receipts and expenditure deleted as per the Commonwealth Electoral Act. This requirement forces our party units to produce two returns when one return should be suitable for both the State and Federal bodies. As donors already lodge a return under the Federal legislation, we do not see this as a further imposition.

For the sake of mirroring the Commonwealth legislation, the Liberal Party supports the change regarding loans to parties and candidates and the change regarding associated entities.

It is very important that all party units comply with disclosure legislation. It is the duty of our legislators to make disclosure forms easy for our volunteer party units to comply with. If both the State and Federal disclosure requirements were the same then we would have a speedier response to our requests for information from our party units.

Thank you for giving the Liberal Party the opportunity to comment on your proposals.

Yours sincerely

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