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Electoral Reform

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Dear sir/madam, this is a submission,

1. Donations should be capped

- 2. Donations at a Local or Regional level should not be allowed (be illegal) from developers who are dependent on the Council for town planning decisions. (It is currently illegal in NSW) 3. Voting should remain COMPULSORY.
- 4. How to vote cards should be illegal except to that published on the ECQ website and under glass or Perspex within each electoral booth in the polling booth. This obviates the need for canvassers outside each election booth.
- 5. Declarations of donations or in kind or proposed reimbursements. Should be declared instantly on the candidates or the ECQ website, before the election. So the voter knows the source of any support before the election as well as after the election.
- 6. Voting should remain by attendance at a polling booth, not electronic, for a person who can attend the appropriate booth.
- 7. Voting should always be preferential. Under 10 percent of optional preferential voters declare their preferences. This shows it may as well be first past the post.

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