

## **Submission**

Hon John Faulkner:

I fully support the strongest restrictions possible in order to prevent money from translating into political power. There are ways to ensure the power of free speech while doing this and I urge you to investigate these. However, this is so important that even I, a staunch free speech advocate, am willing to see free speech tightly curtailed in this regard. Though I think giving money can be construed as free speech, this is no excuse to allow a political system where money buys political power.

I grew up in America and am now an Australian citizen. I think the roots of America's current decline can be traced to the way that money in America translates into political power. This has bred a fatal corruption into a fine country, to its detriment. Don't let Australia continue to follow America down that corrupt path.

Sincerely,  
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