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**SUBMISSION- Electoral Reform Green Paper – Donations, Funding and Expenditure**

1) Public Funding and Support

I am opposed to cash payments on the grounds that public funds should not be provided to political parties to be used for crude party propaganda invariably featuring the leader of a political party.

2) Private Funding

Donations should be from natural persons only. A limit per person should be set at an amount which can be afforded by an average voter. The question of undue influence will not arise because of the relatively small amount donated.

3) Donation Disclosure

A complete record of all donations should be available for inspection by any interested person for a small fee.

4) Expenditure

A limit should be set at a level which gives candidates with limited resources a reasonable chance to compete with political parties and wealthy individuals.

5) Third Parties

Because of the difficulty in policing third party expenditure, I see no alternative other than to impose a complete ban on this type of promotion.

6) Political Parties

Political parties should be Incorporated Entities and should be required to produce audited financial statements in sufficient detail to explain all financial dealings.



7) Associated Entities

No funds should be transferred to political parties through “associated entities”. Where political parties hold assets through “associated entities”; the assets should be transferred into the name of the political parties and the “associated entities” wound up.

8) Creating an overall regulatory regime

Because political parties will oppose democratic reform, any regulatory regime will be doomed unless independence from party influence can be guaranteed.