

SUBMISSION

Submission to the Inquiry on Electoral Reform

ELECTORAL FUNDING REFORM PROPOSALS THAT ARE THOUGHT TO BE CONSTRAINED BY THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION

This submission concerns possible constitutional limitations on changes to election funding and political donations. I have heard arguments that some reforms are considered out of bounds to the Inquiry because they are unconstitutional. For example, Daryl Melham MHR and Scott Morrison MHR, on The National Interest program, Radio National, 30 January 2009, raised the unconstitutionality of banning all political donations.

As an Australian citizen, I would welcome the opportunity to help **change the Constitution, by means of referendum, to accommodate any changes that will give the best possible electoral system.** Therefore I respectfully ask that the Inquiry examine all possible options for reform, regardless of constitutional considerations.

Let the Australian people, not just the vested interests participating in this Inquiry, have a final say on, and thus ownership of, the shape of their electoral system.
That's all.

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