

Democracy not for Sale

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We all want a democracy free of corruption and deals behind closed doors. Government should serve Tasmanians, not vested corporate interests.

Tasmania has the weakest political donation laws in the country.

Donations from vested interests like the former Gunns' Ltd and the Federal Group have had a corrupting influence on democracy and good governance in Tasmania.

We don't have State-specific disclosure laws nor do we ban donations from vested interests.

Voters will go to the ballot box at this election in the dark about which corporations and vested interests have donated to political parties.

To ensure our democracy can no longer be corrupted, Tasmania must adopt stricter political donation laws.

THE GREENS WILL

- ▲ Ban donations from corporate donors and vested interests
- ▲ Introduce mandatory real time disclosure laws, lowering the thresholds for reporting.

BANNING DIRTY MONEY

Tasmania currently doesn't ban donations to political parties from vested interests. Those donations inevitably come with strings attached, an expectation of a quid pro quo for the donor.

Federal Group, for example, has donated tens of thousands to both the Liberal and Labor parties over the past two decades, ensuring their massive profits at the expense of Tasmanians.

Ignoring ASIO's warning to the major parties, the Hodgman Liberals have accepted significant donations from Chinese companies with strong ties to the Chinese Communist government.

The Greens will follow the lead of other states and ban donations from corporate donors, property developers, tobacco, liquor and gaming industries, and foreign companies.

DONATION DISCLOSURES

Democracy is undermined when corporate interests are able to buy favour with political parties.

Voters don't know who donated to a candidate or Party for up to 18 months after the day of the election. Even then, political parties only need to disclose donations over \$13,500.

Tasmanians deserve to know who has paid for what likely favours before the election date. We will introduce a disclosure cap of \$1,000, and ensure donations are disclosed in real time, in line with the Tasmanian Greens' voluntary practice.