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**Request you consider attached amendments to the proposal please.**

***Regarding:***

*Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018 -*

Yours sincerely

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*A review of the operation of the amendments, dealing with foreign donations and related matters, made by the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018. The review does not appear to consider the effectiveness of the legislation to accomplish the overall intent.*

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Although I am not very competent or experienced in submitting proposal on suggestions for improvements to Government legislation, I present to you some changes which I believe need to be addressed by this committee in their deliberations please.

I do realise that my proposals will have impacts upon funding for political aspirants, but that is a different matter.

I believe without change there will continue be undue influence by a minority of persons and corporations on the decision making by our members and senators who work hard to represent their individual electorates.

**My Point 1.**

4 Subsection 287(1)

***Disclosure threshold*** of \$13,800.

***This amount is higher than necessary and should be reduced significantly.***

**My Point 2.**

Division 3A—Requirements relating to donations

Subdivision A—Interpretation

302A Simplified outline of this Division

*This Division regulates gifts that are made to registered political parties, candidates, groups, political campaigners and third parties.*

*Gifts of over \$1,000 to political entities (broadly, registered political parties, candidates and Senate groups) or political campaigners must not be made by foreign donors.*

***This amount is higher than necessary and should be reduced significantly, to Zero.***

**My Point 3.**

*Broadly, gifts must not be made to a political entity, political campaigner or third party by a foreign donor for the purpose of incurring electoral expenditure or creating or communicating electoral matter.*

***As this applies to foreign donors, it should be extended to apply to Australian Corporate donations greater than \$1,000.***

**My Point 4.**

Division 3A—Requirements relating to donations

Subdivision A—Interpretation

***For reason similar to those proposed in 302C Object of this Division being to secure and promote the actual and perceived integrity of the Australian electoral process by reducing the risk of entities exerting (or being perceived to exert) undue or improper influence on the outcomes of elections; AND to restrict the receipt and use of political donations made by Australian Corporate entities that would influence independent government of Australia's democratic processes.***

***As this applies to foreign donors, it should be extended to apply to Australian Corporate donations greater than \$1,000.***

My Point 5.

314AEC Annual returns relating to gifts received by third parties for electoral expenditure  
***Transparency Register*** means the Register of that name established and maintained under section 87N.

To ensure transparency of gifts of all amounts, and donations of all amounts, the information in the Registers need be made available to the press and the public within 24 hours of the gift or donation being made.

Whatever our endeavour to make Australia a better country requires understanding, transparency and logical reasoning.  
We elected politicians to help us optimise our endeavours for the mutual benefit of all Australians - THANKYOU

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions.

Yours sincerely

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