

Submission: Inquiry into access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists

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Dear Committee Members,

Lobbying is an important element of our democracy. We ask that all lobbying be as open, transparent and accountable as possible.

We now have technology which can help make all such matters public and current, via the internet.

Please also make a law forbidding recently retired parliamentarians from joining those organisations that lobby our governments. I suggest a three year time limit between retirement and employment by any organisation that conducts any lobbying.

This cooling off period should extend to all parliamentarians, especially all Ministers, but also Ministerial advisers, and senior public servants who want to move from government to private companies to do professional lobbying. This requirement should be properly enforced by the National Anti-Corruption Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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