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Hi Secretariat,

I'd like to make this brief submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters concerning funding and disclosure for Review of the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018.

We have looked on, many like me with some anxiety, at the volatility that has developed in major democracies around the world since the advent of social media. It seems to me self-evident that the political elites of democracies need to seriously examine the level of confidence their electorates now have in them.

My assessment is that the biggest factor in creating lower levels of confidence in political systems is that vested interests overwhelm majority interests creating social inequity. The balance Australia has been able to strike between competing market and social welfare philosophies seems to have collapsed under pressure from both major parties to fund their side in the expensive competition to win office.

Thank You.

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