



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report:

*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill
2020*

MAY 2024

Introduction

On 16 March 2021, the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee) tabled a report titled *Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations Bill 2020 (2021))*.

The Government's Response to the recommendations of the Report follows below.

Government Response to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee report: Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations Bill 2020 (2021)).

#	Recommendation	Government Response
1	The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020 not be passed.	<p><u>Noted</u></p> <p>The Government notes the recommendation. Given the passage of time, a substantive government response is no longer appropriate.</p>

Dissenting Report by Australian Greens

#	Recommendation	Government Response
1	<p>That the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020 be passed, subject to minor amendments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarify the exclusion of gifts to third parties and political campaigners for a purpose other than Commonwealth electoral expenditure; • improve the consistency of terminology for 'gift' and 'donation'; and • provide appeal options for determinations relating to prohibited donations. 	<p>Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority report.</p>

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2	That the Government provide for reasonable real-time disclosure of all political donations above \$1,000.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority report.
3	That the Government commence a review of the electoral expenditure and finance framework.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority report.
4	That the Government ensure Australian Electoral Commission funding is adequate to allow monitoring and enforcement of compliance with the political funding and disclosure regime.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority report.