



## Electoral Commissioner

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Dear Mr McInally

### **Senate Select Committee into the political influence of donations**

Thank you for the invitation to provide a submission to the inquiry. To assist the Committee, I have attached the submission on funding and disclosure that the AEC provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in February 2017 as part of its inquiry into the conduct of the 2016 federal election. The submission is at **Attachment A**.

The attached submission provides an overview of the Commonwealth Funding and Disclosure Scheme, details of key legislative changes relating to funding and disclosure, and outlines the four common principles of disclosure schemes namely:

- Transparency;
- Clarity;
- Timeliness; and
- Enforceability.

I trust that the Committee will find the submission useful and I look forward to assisting the Committee with its inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Tom Rogers

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