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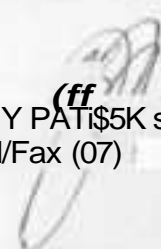
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**Funding and Disclosure Inquiry**

1. 2 November 1983 - House of Representatives,  
Hansard page 2214:-  
"The shy-rocketing costs of modern elections, threatens to create a situation where national government can be delivered to the party with the best bagman."
  
2. Hansard page 2510:-  
"The Government believes it can help itself by altering the system. The most significant of these is the proposal to take taxpayers' money and pay it to political parties to fund their election campaigns"
  
3. Hansard page 2510:-  
"The two major contending sides of politics have a recognizable base vote and they will get a substantial sum regardless of how they perform"
  
4. Hansard page 2510:-  
The potential for real corruption centers on the question of whether Ministers will administer as they believe that they should or whether they will be divested from that course by party or personal overriding interests. How would the world know the reasons behind the appointment of a Minister to a diplomatic post? How does public funding get to the core of any of these issues?
  
5. What if a new government finds itself elected by fraud? What if the Electoral Commissioner fails his duty of care and responsibility? What if this all takes some time to unravel? What if the new government shuts both eyes uses its powers of appointment to stacks the heavens and unleashes State resources against the Whistleblower?

6. I refer you to the *Sharpies v O'Shea and Hanson*, Supreme Court of Queensland.
7. A stones throw away is the Beattie Government. I attach the following correspondence between the Crown and myself, since June 1998:-
  - Former Queensland Electoral Commissioner, Mr. Desmond J. O'Shea.
  - Former Attorney General of Queensland, the Hon. Mat Foley.
  - Current Attorney General of Queensland, the Hon. Robert Welford
  - The Hon. Premier of the State of Queensland Mr. Beattie.
  - Copy of the current Bankruptcy Notice Q7022/01 before the Federal Court.
8. Submission Andrew Coward. 9 October 2000
  - I am saying most forcefully that executive governments cannot be trusted to investigate electoral corruption where its own party interest is involved"
  - I mean cash laundering
  - clandestine subsidies
  - secret cash funds
  - It beggars belief and signals the commencement of a cover-up that assails not the claim but the critic
  - the fact is a single citizen cannot long resist and fight an executive government that has chosen to be blind, with all the resources that can be mustered to quash the whistle-blower, including taxpayer funded media manipulators whose single goal is to destroy the credibility of the critic"
  - From my own experience, it does no good to do "the right thing" in this country
  - As the second half of the nineties closed, I came to say less and less and finally nothing in the public arena
  - Whistle-blowers in the end are destroyed
8. I recommend a Royal Inquiry in *Sharpies v O'Shea and Hanson*, so the sacrifices and opportunity for a higher standard are not lost.
9. What if nothing in the Westminster system actually works?

  
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