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**Mr Russell Chafer
Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600**

Dear Mr Chafer

In response to your letter notifying me of the reconstituted inquiry into funding and disclosure, I advise the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters that the Liberal Party's submission to the earlier inquiry continues to represent the Liberal Party's views on this matter. We commend to the Committee the views that we expressed on the various issues discussed in that submission.

We also note that some aspects of funding and disclosure issues have received parliamentary attention at the hearings of Estimates Committees. As a consequence it would now be relevant for the JSCEM to interest itself in the latest developments in the AEC's inquiries into, for example, the Fair Go Alliance (with its role in donating funds provided by certain public sector unions to the Australian Labor Party) and the failure for the disclosure required by the Commonwealth Electoral Act to be correctly made; or, to take another recent example, issues raised by the arrangements surrounding certain raffle activity associated with Labor Senator Nick Bolkus.

Such matters surrounding money given to benefit the ALP deserve attention from the JSCEM, for the light they throw on the present operations of the Commonwealth Electoral Act.

Yours sincerely