

AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS' MINORITY REPORT

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY SENATOR ANDREW
MURRAY**

Additional Comments by Senator Andrew Murray on behalf of the Australian Democrats

The *Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002]* and the *Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002]* were introduced to make a contribution to better standards in public life. The bills provided an important opportunity for the Committee to consider the need for a legislative response to community concern over standards of ethics in politics.

In my submission to the Committee, I indicated that if particular aspects of the bills require amendment to better serve their purpose, I would be supportive of any reasonable recommendations the Committee may have along those lines. Accordingly, I intend to carefully consider the recommendations of the Committee with a view to refining the bills. I thank the Committee for the quality and depth of its consideration of these bills.

Senator Andrew Murray
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