



Donations · truth in advertising · integrity commission · lobbying · fixed terms · recall · voting system · campaign finance · AEC audit · media ownership

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Foreign donations allowed
Structurally impossible under MMP

48hrs

AEC truth ruling deadline
Correction notice mandatory

5 years

Retrospective disclosure
All hidden donations exposed

\$500K

Max fine for concealment
Plus 5 years prison

THE PROBLEM — MONEY, SECRECY, AND NO ACCOUNTABILITY

DONATIONS BUY POLICY

No cap on donations. No real-time disclosure. Foreign-controlled entities fund campaigns. Mining industry, unions, developers — whoever gives the most gets the meeting. Australians pay with policy

POLITICIANS LIE — LEGALLY

Political advertising is explicitly exempt from consumer protection laws. A company cannot make false claims about its product. A politician can say anything — including provably false claims that

NO INTEGRITY COMMISSION WITH TEETH

ICAC equivalents exist in some states but the federal level has no permanent, fully-powered integrity commission. Lobbying registers are voluntary or poorly enforced. Revolving door between ministers

THE MMP SOLUTION — 10 PROBLEMS — 10 FIXES

DONATIONS THROUGH THE PORTAL ONLY

Every donation made via People's Portal with MyGovID. Verified identity. Foreign donations structurally impossible. Published immediately: donor name, amount, recipient, date. No cap needed — full transparency is the cap.

REAL-TIME DISCLOSURE

Donation published the moment it is made. AEC holds overnight for clearing, recipient receives next business day. No more annual disclosure. No more hiding \$100K donations for 18 months. The public sees it in real time.

FOREIGN DONATIONS BANNED

Foreign-controlled entity making a donation treated as a foreign donation: banned. MyGovID verifies Australian citizenship or permanent residency. Structurally impossible, not just prohibited.

RETROSPECTIVE 5-YEAR DECLARATION

90-day amnesty: all parties, unions, industry bodies declare every donation and ad spend from the past 5 years. Come clean — no prosecution. After the window: no amnesty, no statute of limitations. Prosecutions forever.

TRUTH IN POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Same standard as commercial advertising. AEC truth unit rules within 48 hours. Mandatory correction equal in size to the original. Deliberate falsehood: \$500K civil remedy. Systematic falsehoods: criminal liability.

FEDERAL INTEGRITY COMMISSION

A permanent federal ICAC with genuine investigative powers — not a toothless advisory body. Own-motion investigations. Public hearings. Findings published. Minister cannot dismiss commissioners. Retrospective jurisdiction.

MANDATORY LOBBYING REGISTER

Every meeting between a lobbyist and a minister or senior public servant registered within 24 hours. Published in real time. Revolving door: 5-year ban on ministers lobbying their former department. No exceptions.

SOCIAL MEDIA AD TRANSPARENCY

All platforms report political advertising spend to AEC portal in real time as a condition of operating in Australia. Non-compliance: \$50M fine. Dark ads, micro-targeting of false information: prohibited.

INDEPENDENT AEC INTEGRITY AUDIT

The AEC has never been independently audited. As postal voting has grown from 5% to over 20% of all votes, MMP commissions a full independent audit. Results published. Any systemic issues remedied before next election.

FIXED 4-YEAR TERMS

PM cannot call elections for political advantage. Fixed four-year terms. Resources spent on governing, not campaign timing. Certainty for voters and business. Election date known four years in advance.

MEDIA OWNERSHIP REFORM

No single entity controls more than 30% of print, broadcast, or digital news in any market. Foreign ownership of Australian media capped. Public interest test before any major acquisition. The ABC funded independently.

COUNTING INTEGRITY — 3-LAYER VERIFICATION

Paper ballot stays sacred and is the legal record. Layer 1: security printing (UV ink, serial numbers, banknote-grade). Layer 2: optical scanner at every booth — digital record before ballot leaves voter's hands. Layer 3: AI second count. Any divergence triggers immediate investigation. Ballot images published as open data after election.

CURRENT FAILURE vs MMP FIX — 10 PROBLEMS, 10 SOLUTIONS

| CURRENT — THE FAILURE | MMP — THE FIX |
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| No donation cap. No real-time disclosure. \$1M donation legal and secret for 18 months. | Every donation via People's Portal. Published instantly. Verified identity. No secrecy possible. |
| Foreign-controlled entities can donate through Australian subsidiaries. | MyGovID verification. Foreign donation structurally impossible, not just prohibited. |
| Political advertising exempt from consumer law. False claims legal. | Same standard as commercial advertising. AEC rules in 48 hours. Mandatory correction. |
| No federal integrity commission with real investigative powers. | Permanent federal ICAC. Own-motion investigations. Public hearings. Cannot be dismissed. |
| Lobbying register voluntary/poorly enforced. Revolving door unchecked. | Mandatory register. Every meeting published within 24 hours. 5-year ban post-ministerial. |
| Social media dark ads — political micro-targeting of false claims unrestricted. | All platforms report ad spend to AEC in real time. Non-compliance: \$50M fine. |
| AEC never independently audited despite postal voting rising to 20%+ of all votes. | Full independent AEC integrity audit before next election. Results published. |
| PM can call elections at will for political advantage. Uncertainty exploited. | Fixed 4-year terms. No early election. Certainty for voters and business. |
| PM can call elections at will for political advantage. Uncertainty and taxpayer funds exploited for timing. | Fixed 4-year terms. No early election. Certainty for voters, business, and government planning. |
| 5 years of hidden donations and political advertising invisible to Australians. | 90-day amnesty window. Every party declares 5 years of donations. Then no amnesty — ever. |
| Ballot chain of custody never independently audited. No optical scanning. No digital backup before ballots leave the booth. | 3-layer verification: security paper + optical scan at booth + AI second count. Ballot images published as open data. Any |

"A company cannot say its product does something it does not. A politician can say anything. MMP ends the exemption. Same standard. Same enforcement. Same consequences. If you believe in the market, you believe in accurate information. Electoral integrity is just consumer protection applied to democracy." — MMP Federal Platform 1.11

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