

Part 4 ACT Greens internal policy on donations

1 Sources

- 1.1 The ACT Greens, as a party committed to enhancing Australia's democratic process, will pursue the model of publicly funded elections at all levels of government. Publicly funded elections would promote more equitable access and reduce the risk of corruption through donations.
- 1.2 In current circumstances, ie that donations, including gifts-in-kind as defined by the Australian Electoral Commission, are used by parties throughout the political cycle, the ACT Greens, using transparent practices, will accept donations subject to ethical review.
- 1.3 Therefore the ACT Greens will:
 - ensure that if any donor's cumulative donations to the ACT Greens total at least \$1,500 within a 12 month period, the donations are reviewed by the DRG
 - seek to ensure that the values and aspirations of all donors are consistent with the policies and the charter of the ACT Greens
 - accept donations only for supporting the aims of the party
 - seek to ensure that no donation is accepted or retained if it gives rise to, or is likely to give rise to, a conflict of interest
 - ensure that federally elected ACT Greens representatives, federal preselection candidates, endorsed candidates for a federal election and members of the Greens do not accept personally any donation to be used for activities on behalf of the party or to advance the member's standing within the party including campaigning, fundraising or developmental purposes, unless granted an exemption by the DRG. Donations will instead be directed to the ACT Greens
 - maintain transparency in donor identity by making public at the end of every 3 months all donors and the cumulative total of their donations to the ACT Greens over the previous 12 months if those cumulative totals are at least \$1,500
 - ensure that donations rejected because of this bylaw are returned to the donor at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.4 The acceptance of any donation by the ACT Greens does not imply endorsement of the activities, undertakings or processes of the donor.

2 Implementation

- 2.1 Implementation of this donations bylaw will be overseen by the DRG.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the ACT Greens treasurer to monitor all donations received or offered to the ACT Greens and to ensure all donations that are subject to review by the DRG, or may be subject to rejection under this bylaw, are promptly referred to the DRG for consideration.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of any other person receiving an offer of a donation to the ACT Greens that the offer be referred to the ACT Greens treasurer for possible action under this bylaw before the donation is accepted.
- 2.4 Any State or Territory body may ask the ACT Greens treasurer to refer any donation it is aware of having been offered to or received by the ACT Greens to the DRG for consideration.