



CLEANING UP POLITICS

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The ACT Greens believe that the ACT Legislative Assembly should serve the best interests of all Canberrans. Those with money and wealth shouldn't be able to buy political power, and influence decisions that affect us all. The ACT Greens have long advocated here in the ACT, and all around the country, to end corporate donations and vested interest influence in politics.

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- » Ban political donations from developers, corporations and organisations with vested interests;
- » Only allow donations from individuals in the ACT and capped at \$5,000; and
- » Require monthly public disclosure of political donations, and funding on a public website, in non-election periods and weekly disclosure during election periods. In the last week of the election campaign, the ACT Greens would require daily disclosure from political parties.

The ACT had robust donation laws in place in the 2012 election year that meant only individuals on the ACT electoral roll could donate to the political parties. But, these were ripped up by the Liberal and Labor parties in 2014 who voted to allow corporations and other vested interests to start donating tens of thousands of dollars again.

At the same time, they voted to quadruple public funding from \$2 per vote to \$8 per vote, right when they least needed to put their hands in the public purse.

Greens MLA Shane Rattenbury was the only member of the Assembly standing up for the community and against the weakening of our donation laws. He was voted down 16:1.