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Dear Dr Denniss

Thank you for your correspondence seeking the stance of the Queensland Greens on four democratic principles which you outlined. Our response follows.

1. The Greens support the principle of governing for the peace, welfare and good government of the state and if elected we undertake to act in the Parliament in accordance with this principle.
2. The Greens commit to make all decisions and take all actions in public office, including the making of public appointments, in the public interest without regard to personal, party political or other immaterial considerations. The Greens believe appointments to public office should be made on merit according to transparent criteria.
3. The Greens commit to act in accordance with the principle of treating all people equally without providing any person or corporation undue or special access or influence.
4. The Greens undertake to promptly and accurately inform the public of our reasons for all significant or potentially controversial decisions and actions related to our Parliamentary activities. The Greens believe that integrity, accountability and openness in politics are vital to a healthy democracy.

Further elaboration of the Greens position on matters relating to the principles you have outlined can be found at:

- Our state policy on democracy  
<http://qld.greens.org.au/policies/qld/democracy>
- Our national initiative on accountability and integrity in government  
<http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/transparency-integrity-and-accountability>
- Our plan from the Victorian Greens for stronger misconduct laws against corrupt politicians  
[http://greens.org.au/serious\\_misconduct\\_laws](http://greens.org.au/serious_misconduct_laws)
- Our national policy on constitutional reform and democracy  
<http://greens.org.au/policies/constitutional-reform-and-democracy>



Please get in touch if you would like further elaboration on these matters.

Kind regards,

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