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PREAMBLE:

For far to long Territorians have not been truly represented by their elected politicians and political parties. The arrogance of the people involved with the Country Liberal Party (CLP) and Australian Labor Party (ALP) has grown to the point where the politicians completely ignore the will of the majority of the electorate.

BACKGROUND:

Traditionally big business or lobbyists have donated large amounts of money to political parties. The party's then fund their campaigns and running costs from this money. Traditionally, those donors want something in return such as a favorable focus on their operation or area of interest. The current legislation only requires the political party to declare the donations at the end of the financial year. Due to this system the voter doesn't get a chance to "join the dots" between a candidates push for change on a particular issue and the money they may have received from people who would benefit from that change.

ISSUE:

Currently in NT politics there are only two major parties CLP and the ALP. Both these parties are represented in Territory elections however they are federally registered parties and are controlled from Canberra. Both these parties at the Territory and Federal level receive large donations from lobbyist and big business, which could compromise their decision making process because the donors will always want favours in return for their money either short term or long term.

As long as the donations are made within the legislation requirement there is no requirement

to report to the electorate a conflict of interest perceived or otherwise. The electorate has no knowledge of the donations these two parties receive until 12 months later.

This situation has totally undermined the confidence in politicians by the electorate.

AUDIT:

1Territory will change the NT Electoral legislation to ensure total transparency and any perceived conflict of interest must be declared

POLICY:

- We will publish prior to the elections our donations received
- We will not accept any donations from big business, lobby groups, unions or anyone else in excess of \$2,000 (this figure has been revised upwards due to the feedback from members and donors indicating they wish to donate more).
- We will have no limit on donations from candidates or their families to the party, for an election. All donations will be declared as per the NT Electoral Act.
- In kind donations of food, vehicle use, fuel and accommodation in excess of \$200 will be declared.
- We will change relevant NT legislation to reflect the aforementioned philosophy so that all political parties in the Territory will have to comply, should 1 Territory be elected.
- This is a great opportunity for Territorians to make small donations through pay pal and direct debit to 1 Territory. This will

afford all Territorians the chance to have some ownership of their chosen party. All cash received will need to be declared and receipted.

- The opportunity to attract candidates who are not career politicians and members and donors who are not seeking financial gain, favorable outcomes or a sphere of influence is a real possibility.
- We realise this will put a lot of financial and personal pressure on our members and our candidates in the upcoming election because the CLP and ALP are heavily funded by industry and lobby groups
- We are heavily reliant on volunteers and their own time, so candidates must work very hard to support the volunteers
- All perceived conflicts of interest must be declared at all levels of the party operation
- This approach will change Territory politics forever and lead towards an uncompromised political system
- It will create a fair business environment- if all large donations are stopped. It creates a level playing field for all those doing business in the Northern Territory.
- Territorians will get value for money, more effective use of tax payer's money, a more even distribution of resources and infrastructure across the Territory, more effective and less manipulated public service and fewer self-serving self-interested politicians.

CONSULTATION:

As with all Territory policies this policy is version controlled and will be continually fine-tuned as we consult the electorate

REFERENCES:

Current NTEC and AEC legislation

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