

## FACT SHEET

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### ***Electoral Amendment (Integrity of Elections) Bill 2021***

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The *Electoral Amendment (Integrity of Elections) Bill 2021* amends the *Electoral Act 2004* to introduce a significant range of electoral reforms. The bill would –

- Set a cap of \$3,000, on aggregate political donations from the same source, per electoral term.
- Only allow political donations to be made by ‘natural persons’ (i.e. not corporations or organisations) who are citizens or permanent residents.
- Set the donation disclosure threshold to \$1,000.
- Introduce a real-time disclosure framework, requiring donation disclosures 7 business days after receipt, and within 24 hours during the 7 days before election polling day.
- Provide an expenditure cap for Assembly elections of \$82,000 for individual candidates and third parties, as well as \$820,000 for political parties, in 2021, indexed by \$1,000 and \$10,000 respectively per year.
- Introduce public funding for election campaigns, set at the Commonwealth public funding rate (currently \$2.871 per first preference vote).
- Regulate third-parties on similar terms to candidates and parties.
- Introduce ‘truth in political advertising’ laws.
- Abolish the general prohibition on using a candidate’s name and replacing it with targeted prohibitions on use of a candidate’s name in a misleading or deceptive manner.