

FACT SHEET

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (ELECTORAL EXPENDITURE AND POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 2020

Numerous public surveys have shown public trust in politics and the political process has diminished in recent years. Central to this erosion of trust is a perception the political process serves only a narrow range of interests. Caps on electoral expenditure and strengthening disclosure requirements for political donations will help to increase public trust in politics.

This Bill amends the Electoral Act to:

- require the disclosure of all political donations to parties, candidates or members of the House of Assembly or Legislative Council over \$1,000, including multiple donations from a single donor that cumulatively add up to over \$1,000, within 30 days;
- prohibit anonymous donations over \$1,000 to individual MPs, candidates and parties;
- prohibit foreign donations over \$1,000 to individual MPs, candidates and parties.
- set a limit of \$100,000 for the campaign expenditure of candidates endorsed by a political party for House of Assembly elections, increasing by CPI;
- set a limit of \$120,000 for the campaign expenditure of candidates not endorsed by a political party for House of Assembly elections, increasing by CPI;
- set a limit of \$40,000 per candidate, to a maximum of 25 candidates, for the campaign expenditure of political parties for House of Assembly elections, increasing by CPI; and
- increase the spending limit for candidates for election to the Legislative Council to \$20,000, increasing by CPI.