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Hello.

I am Nick Ball, of 416 Rowella Road, Rowella, 7270.

I would like to have my views heard on the following points of the T.E.C enquiry.

1. With regard to donations to political parties, I consider that individuals/ corporations who donate large amounts of money to any political entity rarely do so without the expectation of some gain in return. It would, I believe, be beneficial if a register of donations of more than a set amount, say \$1,000, to political parties be available to view electronically and easily by the Tasmanian people. In this way a correlation could be drawn between government decisions and the amounts of money donated by parties who would stand to benefit by those decisions. A government should be primarily beholden to the voters/ people of the state of Tasmania, not be coerced by the views of interested groups who pay into their party's coffers.
2. In the event that the donation is seen to be from a company that espouses a product or service that is harmful to the community (tobacco companies for example, although this is not the only source of 'morally questionable' funding) then I believe that no monies from that entity should be allowed to be accepted by political parties under any circumstance.
3. The number of members in the lower house, I believe, was lowered from 35 to 25 as a result of the wish to exclude some minor parties from gaining a foothold in the Tasmanian political landscape. This brings about the situation whereby a bare majority government has to make a cabinet-full of ministerial portfolios with only 13 members thus causing many ministers to 'double up' which seems to me to indicate that certain issues will be subordinate to more seemingly 'important' matters, a situation which would be less likely to transpire if there were one portfolio to one person.

I thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion upon our electoral system.

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