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Submission.

Electoral funding and disclosure inquiry.

Sir,

Since I last made a submission to the last inquiry in October 2000 I have the distinct impression that politicians do not want any disclosure of electoral donations. In the interests of honesty and public decency it is the duty of your inquiry to make every single donation to a politician or political party open to public scrutiny.

There is nothing to stop any company or organization from donating up to the minimum disclosurable sum to a party with the utmost anonymity on a daily basis. Nor is there any restriction from giving monies to a holding company which in turn hands it on as one large donation to the party in the name of that company

Until all monies donated are open to public scrutiny our whole system of government and indeed, parliamentary inquiries, are as questionable as the corruption and self interest of those such as Malaysia and Indonesia where the politicians are openly paid by big business to keep the status-quo.

Unless our system of funding is open and honest we are no better than the countries we are invading for not being open and democratic.

Yours sincerely,