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**Subject:** Submission to Gold Coast City Council Inquiry

I wish to make a submission to the above inquiry.

BACKGROUND

From my research on the subject of donations to councils and political parties all persons who have given either to an individual or party claim that have done it not for personal gain or influence but for support of the democratic process.

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If a person or party or group wish to donate to a person or party then they must donate an equal amount to all other candidates who are properly entered on the ballot paper. To clarify , if there are 5 candidates for a council seat and person A wishes to support one councillor and donates \$1000 to the chosen candidate then that donor must give \$1000 to the other 4 candidates. This process would make sure all candidates were presented to the electorate on an equal footing. Donations would be able to be given up to 5 working days before the election date. The 5 working days would allow for all donations to be made public prior to the election

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