1. In April 2008, the Premier announced that the Queensland Government would make the following amendments to the *Electoral Act 1992*:
* reduce the electoral donation disclosure threshold from the current $1,500 to $1,000;
* increase public scrutiny of donations by reducing disclosure timeframes for donations from 12 months to six months;
* tie election funding to reported and verified electoral expenditure directly incurred by a candidate or a party, with evidence of that expenditure for an election; and
* ban donations from overseas or non-Australian companies, ensuring donations come from a jurisdiction where Queensland laws will apply and can be enforced.
1. These amendments reflect similar amendments proposed by the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008.
2. An additional amendment is proposed to require the immediate reporting of donations totalling $100,000 or more, within a six month reporting period, from any single donor to a registered political party, by both the donor and the recipient political party, irrespective of other reporting periods.
3. The Bill deems all amendments to have commenced on 1 July 2008. Donations totalling $100,000 or more from a single donor may be made between 1 July 2008 and the commencement of the Bill. The Bill provides that any such payments must be disclosed in accordance with the Act within 28 days after the commencement of the amendments.
4. Cabinet approved the preparation of the Electoral Amendment Bill 2008 and that the Bill be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Electoral Amendment Bill](attachments/Electoral%20Amendment%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Electoral%20Amendment%20Bill%20EXPNOTES.pdf) and [Edit to Explanatory Notes](attachments/Electoral%20Amendment%20Bill%20ERRATUM_EXPNOTES.pdf)