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## **BAN ON POLITICAL DONATIONS BY CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this circular is to advise councils and other stakeholders of changes to the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981*. These came into effect on 9 March 2012 and will apply to political donations made to candidates standing at the September 2012 ordinary elections of councils.

### **The changes**

The changes include the following:

- Only individuals who are enrolled for Federal, State or Local Government elections can make political donations.
- Political parties, candidates, groups of candidates, elected members and third party campaigners are prohibited from accepting political donations from a corporation or other entity.
- Individuals are prohibited from making political donations on behalf of a corporation or other entity.
- Corporations and other entities are prohibited from making political donations to an individual for the purpose of that individual making political donations.
- Payment of an annual or other subscription to a political party by an industrial organisation or other entity is prohibited.

Persons participating in the upcoming local government elections should familiarise themselves with the new requirements.

### **Where to get further information**

Further information regarding the changes can be found on the Election Funding Authority's (EFA) website: [www.efa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.efa.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting the EFA on telephone no. 1300 022 011.



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