

BAN CORRUPTION IN QUEENSLAND

LET'S STOP THE DODGY DEALS

Whether it's millions of dollars in donations, special cash meetings or cushy lobbyists jobs for retiring politicians, Labor and the LNP represent their big corporate mates.

So it's no coincidence that while big corporate profits soar, Queenslanders' wages go backwards.

We're being screwed over by a political system that always puts the interests of big corporations ahead of Queenslanders. That needs to change.

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THEY'RE (STILL) SELL-OUTS

The days of Bjelke-Petersen aren't over - the politicians, developers and criminals have just gotten better at hiding it.

Our system is rigged in favour of big corporations - and while Labor and the LNP dominate Queensland politics, nothing will change.

Property developers, gambling corporations and mining corporations get billions of dollars worth of favourable decisions from the Queensland Government.

If elected, a Greens MP will move to overhaul our broken system in the first hundred days of the new Parliament.

We'll move to break up the cosy relationship between Labor and the LNP, and big corporations.

The Queensland Greens will:

- ▲ Ban for-profit corporate donations
- ▲ Stop 'cash-for-access' meetings with government ministers
- ▲ Give our corruption watchdog, the CCC, real power
- ▲ Stop politicians from walking into cushy lobbyist jobs

HOW IS THIS LEGIT?

This snapshot captures some (currently legal) behaviour conducted by corporations, the LNP and Labor in Queensland. It stinks.

CORPORATE DONATIONS

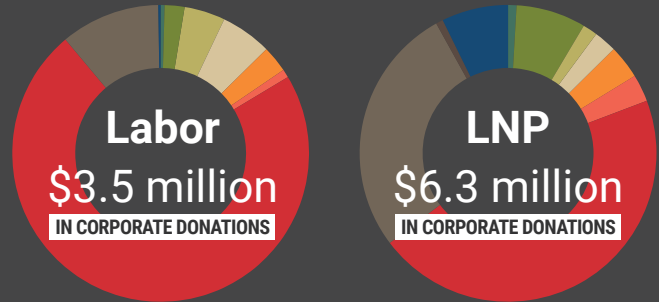
Our government is in bed with the corporate sector. But the picture is far worse than you might expect.

Almost \$10 million has been received by Labor and the LNP in Queensland over the last 10 years across these influential corporate sectors.

- Alcohol
- Energy Companies
- Entertainment
- Gaming
- Hotels/Clubs
- Media/Communications
- Property Developers
- Resource Companies
- Tobacco
- Waste/Water Mgmt



Source: AEC Disclosure data



COINCIDENCE OR...?



The major parties regularly approve major developments or priority development areas (PDAs) which have huge benefits for their corporate donors.

Is it just a coincidence?

	Value	Donation from	Approved Project
Since 2010 Labor received:	\$63,495	Star/Echo Entertainment	Queen's Wharf mega-casino, Brisbane CBD
	\$51,700	Wingate Properties	West Village development, West End
	\$114,292	Springfield Land Corporation	City Centre North apartment project, Springfield Lakes
Since 2010 LNP received:	\$59,280	ASF Consortium	Casino on the Spit, Gold Coast
	\$69,502	Ian McFarlane, QRC	Queensland Resources Council
	\$330,000	Walker Corporation	Toondah Harbor PDA, Redlands City

'CASH FOR ACCESS' MEETINGS



Right now it is legal for Government Ministers to sell special meetings to corporations for cash.

Labor are literally selling special access to big corporations. This has to stop.

7 Labor Sell-outs

- Premier
- Deputy Premier
- Treasurer
- Health Minister
- Education Minister
- Resources Minister
- Attorney-General

81 'Cash for access' meetings worth \$773,494 with these corporations:



OUR PLAN

TO BAN CORRUPTION

BAN DODGY CORPORATE DONATIONS

Corporate donations to political parties are legalised bribery.

The Queensland Greens will ban donations from for-profit corporations.

In the last decade Labor and the LNP have taken \$10 million from property developer, financial institutions, gambling and fossil fuel corporations.

These donations work to rig our political system in favour of the 1%.

BAN ALL 'CASH-FOR-ACCESS' MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND MPS

Big corporations and lobbyists can pay thousands of dollars to get special access to state Labor government ministers - and it's completely legal.

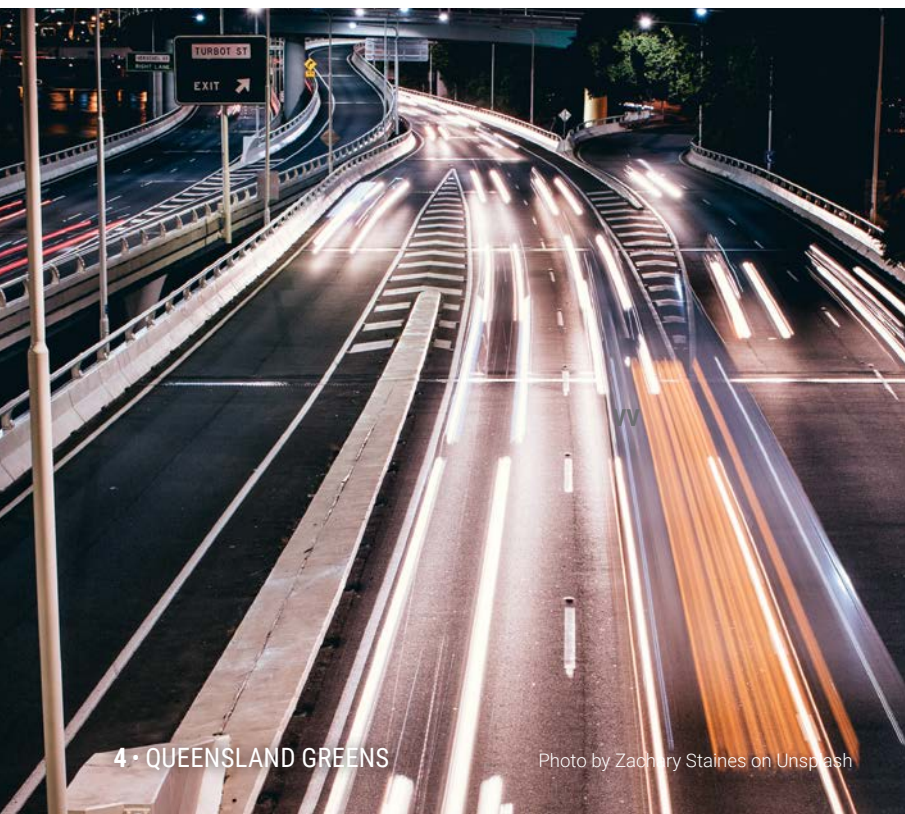
Property developers, gambling corporations and mining corporations have secured special access to Labor Government ministers just because they can afford to pay.

In 2009 the Premier Anna Bligh banned the 'cash-for-access' meetings but after the LNP reintroduced the practice **Labor have done nothing to reverse it.**

By allowing 'cash-for-access' meetings Labor are in breach of the Fitzgerald principles they signed up to in 2015. These principles include the commitment to treat " all people equally without permitting any person or corporation special access or influence."

The Queensland Greens will ban 'cash-for-access' meetings.

Access to our government shouldn't be determined by your ability to pay.





GIVE OUR ANTI-CORRUPTION WATCHDOG TEETH

The Newman LNP government gutted the CCC, Queensland's corruption watchdog, and the Palaszczuk Labor Government have not done enough to give it the power it needs to police dodgy politicians and public officials in Queensland.

It's time to give the CCC teeth by adopting the powers of the NSW ICAC.

We will expand the CCC's definition of corruption to include a wider range of conduct. Right now the CCC can only investigate conduct that would be considered a criminal offence or grounds for dismissal.

We would move to bring the definition of corruption into line with the NSW ICAC which can investigate any conduct that would result in disciplinary action.

We will also make the CCC hold public hearings so the public knows what's going on in our state.

Dodgy politicians and public officials should have nowhere to hide.

JAM THE REVOLVING DOOR BETWEEN POLITICS AND LOBBYISTS

Queensland politicians only have to wait two years before they can stroll into an over-paid lobbyist job.

Ex-Labor and LNP politicians have gone on to lobby for big mining and property developer corporations, working to sell out Queenslanders.

What's worse "industry associations" like the Minerals Council aren't even covered by the existing weak laws, so politicians can lobby for big mining corporations whenever they want.

Currently the Integrity Act 2009 stipulates 2 year cooling off periods for government or opposition representatives.

We'll double the waiting period for politicians to become lobbyists to four years, so they have to wait at least full-term of parliament before they can lobby for big dodgy corporations.

And we'll close the dodgy loophole to make sure "industry associations" are captured by the law.

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