

NT Greens plan to clean up NT Politics & restore trust in our Parliament

Politicians in the NT have been tangled in dodgy donations and lobbyist scandals for decades. This detracts from the work our government should be doing, and also makes you wonder - who is the government really working for? Our community...or big corporations?

It's time we shine a light on what's really going on in Parliament. Because at the moment, we're getting politicians that do what corporations want, not what the community needs.

The Greens are ready to clean up NT politics. We're the only party that can push for greater transparency, because we're the only party that doesn't take corporate donations.

1 - GET DIRTY MONEY OUT OF POLITICS

Both major parties [accept substantial donations from corporations](#), including gambling and gas corporations, and major property developers. In the last few months, we've seen Labor and the CLP accept significant donations from the likes of Tabcorp, Tamboran, Empire Energy, casinos, alcohol companies and property developers. Companies who stand to make a profit from policy decisions shouldn't be able to influence our politicians.

“The Greens Will”

- Ban political donations from prohibited industries such as:
 - Gas/fossil fuel companies
 - Mining and resource companies
 - Property developers, construction companies and real estate agents
 - Liquor industry
 - Gambling corporations and venues with pokies
 - Tobacco industry

2 - HIGHLIGHT WHAT REALLY GOES ON IN PARLIAMENT

The corridors of Parliament are riddled with corporate lobbyists, using their money and connections to influence our elected representatives behind closed doors. The public deserves to know exactly who our politicians are meeting with, and who is influencing their decision making.

The NT is the only jurisdiction in Australia without a public Lobbyist Register, and we have the [weakest lobbying regulations](#) in the country. The [Labor government repealed our scrutiny committees](#), and we're worse off for it.

We need enduring structures in place that ensure our politicians work for the people first, and not their corporate donors.

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- Establish a Lobbyist Register
- Demand public diaries for all politicians - so we know who is meeting with our politicians
- Ensure that any government employee in the NT cannot concurrently work for a lobbying firm
- Reinstate policy scrutiny committees for oversight of Government decision making
- Make the rules for alcohol companies attempting to lobby parliament the same as those for tobacco companies to reduce alcohol industry interference in health policy

3. MAKE OUR POLITICIANS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

Politics in the NT is a mess. The public has lost trust in the people they elected to represent them. It's easy to see why. Over the last 12 months alone, rolling scandals have implicated many of our elected parliamentarians, including a Chief Minister. It is clear that our current standards for politicians are woefully inadequate.

The [Northern Territory Ministerial Code of Conduct](#) ('NTMCC') is not strong enough to stop politicians from getting their personal interests mixed up with their main responsibility - which is to do the right thing by their community. The Code of Conduct is unenforceable, and leaves too much to individual politicians' discretion.

NT politicians are not held to the same standard as most politicians around the country, and that needs to change. Like Federal politicians, NT politicians should be held to stronger rules to ensure their integrity.

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- Strengthen the NTMCC to hold our politicians to the Federal government standard
- Stop the revolving door between Parliament and private sector jobs by enacting a 3 year post-employment prohibition for Ministers in industries they have worked with.
- Impose sanctions for breaches of the NTMCC and Lobbying Codes of Conduct, so there's real and enforceable consequences

We need to clean up politics and get corporate influence out of parliament. The Greens will set the standard in parliament