

# Media Statement

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The Electoral Commissioner of Queensland, Mr Pat Vidgen, will allow political parties to return those donations ruled unlawful by the High Court of Australia in the case *Spence vs State of Queensland*, subject to strict conditions.

These conditions act to uphold the State's electoral laws which ban political donations by property developers and their close associates.

Should any party fail to comply with all conditions, the Electoral Commissioner reserves the right to take further action to recover unlawful donations as a debt to the State.

A full statement of reasons for the Electoral Commissioner's decision in this matter is available at <https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/candidates-and-parties/funding-and-disclosure/prohibited-donors-scheme>

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