

# Prohibited Donors Scheme

## Fact Sheet 10



## PENALTIES FOR MAKING UNLAWFUL POLITICAL DONATIONS

In Queensland:

- It is unlawful for a prohibited donor to make a political donation.
- It is unlawful for a person to make a political donation on behalf of a prohibited donor.
- It is unlawful for a person to accept a political donation that was made (wholly or in part) by or on behalf of a prohibited donor.
- It is unlawful for a prohibited donor to solicit a person to make a political donation.
- It is unlawful for a person to solicit, on behalf of a prohibited donor, another person to make a political donation.

Penalties may be imposed for breaches. Under the *Electoral Act 1992* and the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, the following maximum penalties apply:

Offence	Maximum penalty
Knowingly makes or accepts an unlawful political donation	Maximum 400 penalty units (\$52,220 as of 1 July 2018) or 2 years in prison
Knowingly seek to circumvent the laws on political donations from prohibited donors	Maximum 1500 penalty units (\$195,825 as of 1 July 2018) or 10 years in prison
Knowingly provide false or misleading information relating to a determination	Maximum 400 penalty units (\$52,220 as of 1 July 2018) or 2 years in prison.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland administers and enforces these laws.

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### More information about prohibited donors

The rules and requirements applying to prohibited donors are determined in the *Electoral Act 1992* and the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, which are available at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au).

If you have further questions, or would like more information about the obligations relating to the Prohibited Donor Scheme, please visit [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au), or contact ECQ on 1300 881 665 or by emailing [pds@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:pds@ecq.qld.gov.au).