

Media Statement

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The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) is currently considering the High Court's reasons for its ruling in the case of *Spence v State of Queensland*.

The reasons were published this week to explain the High Court's decision to uphold the Queensland ban on political donations by property developers, while striking out amendments to the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* that impacted on the State's ban.

Those amendments had sought to allow Queensland political parties to accept property developer donations that may be used for federal purposes.

Given the complexity of the legal circumstances, the ECQ is obtaining further advice and carefully considering the impact of the ruling on any donations received by political parties that are now regarded as unlawful.

As soon as possible, the ECQ will formally advise all registered political parties of any action that may be required to ensure they comply with the High Court decision.

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