

# Open letter - political donations from the gambling industry

## *Lawyers and corruption experts call for all parties and candidates to disclose donations from pokies*

To Premier Will Hodgman and Opposition Leader Rebecca White,

Public trust in government is at an all-time low around Australia. We are working together to improve accountability and trust in public administration at a state and federal level.

After the long-standing allegations about the role of the gambling industry in the fall of the Tasmanian Liberal government in 1972 and the ongoing efforts of Federal Hotels to maintain its monopoly, most recently highlighted by the [work of James Boyce](#) and the [ABC's 7:30](#) report, we are concerned with the undue influence of the gambling industry on the integrity of government in Tasmania.

Transparency is key to improving public trust. The public has a right to know if the influence of the gambling industry continues today.

We are calling on all parties and candidates to disclose donations and other campaign support from the gambling industry before the upcoming state election on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Name	Position
<b>The Hon David Harper AM QC</b>	Former judge Supreme Court of Victoria, member National Integrity Committee
<b>The Hon Anthony Whealy QC</b>	Chair, Transparency International, former judge of the NSW Court of Appeal
<b>Professor the Hon Carmen Lawrence</b>	Professor, University of Western Australia, former Premier of Western Australia, former Commonwealth Minister for Health and Human Services,
<b>Nicholas Cowdery AM QC</b>	Former NSW DPP
<b>The Hon Michael Beahan AM</b>	former President, Australian Senate
<b>John Menadue AO</b>	public commentator
<b>Fiona McLeod SC</b>	Barrister, former President of the Law Council of

	Australia
<b>Stephen Keim SC</b>	Barrister
<b>Geoffrey Watson SC</b>	Barrister, former counsel assisting NSW ICAC
<b>Emeritus Professor Meredith Edwards AM, ASSA</b>	ANZSOG Institute for Governance, University of Canberra
<b>Josh Bornstein</b>	Principal, Maurice Blackburn
<b>Ben Slade</b>	Principal, Maurice Blackburn
<b>Joshua Jones</b>	Barrister
<b>Alex McKean</b>	Barrister
<b>Professor Tim Prenzler</b>	Program leader, Criminology and Justice, University of Sunshine Coast
<b>Corrine Grant</b>	Lawyer, Maurice Blackburn
<b>Richard Gould</b>	Tribunal Member
<b>Evelyn Doyle</b>	FOI advocate
<b>Professor Cameron Hazlehurst</b>	Professor, Australian National University
<b>Klaas Woldring</b>	former Associate Professor, Southern Cross University
<b>Dr David Morawetz</b>	Former Associate Professor of Economics at Boston University, Former Economic Consultant to the World Bank
<b>Howard Whitton</b>	Visiting fellow, University of Canberra
<b>Dr Valarie Sands</b>	Chair, Australian Citizens Against Corruption
<b>Jonathon Hunyor</b>	CEO, Public Interest Advocacy Centre
<b>Steve Rothfield MBA, CPA</b>	Director, Fairer Futures Fund and Australian Communities Foundation Director
<b>Jackie Yowell</b>	Publishing Consultant, Director, Fairer Futures Fund
<b>Tony Kenyon</b>	Principal, Kenyon Legal