## The Australia Institute

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The Hon, Luke Foley MP Parliament House Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

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Dear Mr Foley,

The Australia Institute believes accountability and transparency of lobbying is essential to a healthy democracy and economy in New South Wales.

To that end, we are assessing the degree to which the ICAC recommendations resulting from the *Investigation into the Corruption Risks of Lobbying in 2010* have been adopted by various political parties.

We are asking all the major parties in NSW to answer the following questions:

- What is your policy on the regulation of lobbying in NSW?
- What rules are you proposing to improve the lobbying in NSW?
- Which recommendations of the ICAC *Investigation into the Corruption Risks of Lobbying* 2010 have you adopted, or will you commit to adopting during the next term of the NSW Parliament?
- What, if applicable, are your reasons for not adopting those recommendations you are not adopting?

We plan to publish an assessment of the responses or, if appropriate, to note that a party didn't respond. Given the upcoming state election date, your reply is respectfully requested by 10am, Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are also sending this request to the Attorney General.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Denniss**