

Date:	19 th June 2020
Subject:	Amendment to Queensland political donations and campaign funding limits

Political Donation and expenditure rules and legislations differ between each State and Federally. The Queensland Government this week introduced new caps on political donations which will commence from 2022, and limits on campaign which will be in force for this year's state election.

Because a number of our clients participate in political fundraisers and other functions, we offer the below outline of the proposed new caps and links to relevant information for the Queensland jurisdiction. As with any business decision, we recommend clients seek specific financial and/or legal advice in relation to your individual circumstances and how these laws might affect you directly.

Political Donations – Queensland

Donation Cap:	<p>For a registered political party –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$4,000 <p>For a candidate in an election –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$6,000 <p>For a third party for the election –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$4,000
Donation Cap Commencement Date:	<p>To a registered political party, or a third party –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Starts 30 days after the polling day for the last general election; and ➤ Ends 30 days after the polling day for the next general election. <p>(2022)</p> <p>For a candidate in an election –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If the candidate was a candidate in a by-election held after the last general election – 30 days after the polling day for the last by-election in which the candidate was a candidate; or ➤ Otherwise – 30 days after the polling day for the last general election; and ➤ Ends 30 days after the polling day for the election. <p>(2022)</p>
Expenditure Cap:	<p>Registered political party and endorsed candidate:</p> <p>For a general election -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For a registered political party – \$92,000 (multiplied by the number of electoral districts which the party has endorsed a candidate) ➤ For an electoral district - \$92,000 <p>For a general election, for a candidate endorsed by a registered party for an electoral district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If 2 or more candidates are endorsed concurrently for the electoral district – the amount that is \$58,000 divided by the number of candidates concurrently endorsed; or

Expenditure Cap (cont):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Otherwise - \$58,000 <p>For a by-election,</p> <p>For a candidate endorsed by a registered party –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If 2 or more candidates are endorsed concurrently for the electoral district – the amount that is \$87,000 divided by the number of candidates concurrently endorsed; or ➤ Otherwise - \$87,000 <p>Independent candidate:</p> <p>For a general election or by-election, for an independent candidate –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$87,000 <p>Registered third party:</p> <p>For a general election, for a registered third party –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Generally - \$1 million; and ➤ For an electorate district - \$87,000 <p>For a by-election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$87,000
Capped Expenditure Period	<p>Commences –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 year before the next normal polling day; or ➤ If the election is an extraordinary general election – the day the writ for the election is issued; and ➤ Ends at 6pm on the polling day for the election.

Notes

The above information is correct to the best of our knowledge as at 18th June 2020 and is subject to change.

Reference

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/tableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T2178.pdf>