



## DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS AND GIFTS FOR PEOPLE MAKING A SUBMISSION

### Disclosure of Political Donations and Gifts – Explanatory Information

#### **Making a public submission to a council**

Under section 147(5) of the Act a person who makes a *relevant public submission* to a council in relation to a relevant planning application made to the council is required to disclose the following reportable political donations and gifts (if any) made by the person making the submission or any *associate of that person* within the period commencing 2 years before the submission is made and ending when the application is determined:

- (a) all reportable political donations made to any local councillor of that council
- (b) all gifts made to any local councillor or employee of that council.

A reference in sections 147(4) and 147(5) of the Act to a reportable political donation made to a 'local councillor' includes a reference to a donation made at the time the person was a candidate for election to the council.

#### **How and when do you make a disclosure?**

The disclosure of a reportable political donation or gift under section 147 of the Act is to be made:

- (a) in, or in a statement accompanying, the relevant planning application or submission if the donation or gift is made before the application or submission is made, or
- (b) if the donation or gift is made afterwards, in a statement of the person to whom the relevant planning application or submission was made within 7 days after the donation or gift is made.

#### **What information needs to be in a disclosure?**

The information requirements of the disclosure are outlined in the Act under section 147(9) for political donations and section 147(10) for gifts.

**Warning:** A person is guilty of an offence under section 125 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in connection with the obligations under section 147 only if the person fails to make a disclosure of a political donation or gift in accordance with section 147 that the person knows, or ought reasonably to know, was made and is required to be disclosed under section 147. The maximum penalty for any such offence is the maximum penalty under Part 6 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* for making a false statement in a declaration of disclosures lodged under that Part. Note: The maximum penalty is currently 200 penalty units (currently \$22,000) or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

## Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statement to Council

If you are required under section 147(4) or (5) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to disclose any political donations or gifts (see page 1 for details), please fill in this form and sign below.

Disclosure Statement Details					
Name of person making this disclosure statement					
Person's interest in the application (circle relevant option below)					
You are a PERSON MAKING A SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION			YES / NO OR		
You are the APPLICANT			YES / NO		
Reportable political donations or gifts made by person making this declaration or by other relevant persons					
<p>* State below any reportable political donations or gifts <b>you have made</b> over the 'relevant period' (see glossary on page 2). If the donation or gift was made by an entity (and not by you as an individual) include Australian Business Number (ABN).</p> <p>* If you are the <b>applicant</b> of a planning application state below any reportable political donations or gifts that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by any persons with a financial interest in the planning application, OR</p> <p>* If you are a <b>person making a submission</b> in relation to an application, state below any reportable political donations or gifts that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by an associate.</p>					
Donation or gift?	Name of donor (or ABN if an entity); or name of person who made the gift	Donor's residential address or entity's registered address or other official office of the donor; address of person who the made the gift or entity's address	Name of party or person for whose benefit the donation was made; or person to whom the gift was made	Date donation or gift was made	Amount/ value of donation or gift
By signing below, I/we hereby declare that all information contained within this statement is accurate at the time of signing.					
Signature(s) and Date					
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Name(s)					
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