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Why we need Integrity in Government

Integrity in politics is fundamental to public trust and confidence in democracy. Australians need to be confident that:

- anyone holding public office is held to the highest ethical standards of conduct and accountability
- decision making in government is honest, transparent and fair
- there are mechanisms in place for independent and public oversight of the conduct of all public and parliamentary officers.
- access to ministers and their staff by lobbyists and special interests is transparent and disclosed.

Why we need Integrity in Election Campaigns

A lack of integrity is especially visible during election campaigns. We need legislation to ban the lies, and misleading and deceptive statements in political advertising during elections, rather than relying on campaigns and social media platforms to self-regulate.

We need to commit to far greater transparency for political donations in politics. My campaign is currently the most transparent campaign in Australia with all donations listed in real time on my website Donor Wall. I actively encourage all of my donors to disclose their names.

Why we need Integrity in the Workplace

There has been a significant and timely shift in the expectations of Australians for respect and equality at work. We need to 'set the standard' of uniformly safe workplaces across Australia. This means that the parliamentary workplaces in Canberra must provide leadership and set a cultural standard that is respectful, safe and inclusive. Specifically we must implement best practice frameworks to address bullying, sexual harassment and assault.

What I Support

1. A federal integrity commission with sharp teeth. This means:
 - broad powers of investigation
 - a broad definition of corrupt conduct
 - capacity for public complaints and referrals
 - public hearings
 - strong whistle-blower protections
 - capacity for recommendations and findings
 - oversight

2. Robust electoral legislation to ban the lies and misinformation about candidates and opponents across multiple election platforms, including in print and electronic media.
3. Reform of electoral legislation to mandate disclosure of donations to candidates and political parties in real time, and to prevent hidden money and interests.
4. Adoption of Commissioner Jenkin's recommendations to deliver lasting and meaningful reform to parliamentary workplaces including but not limited to:
 - the establishment of an Office of Parliamentary Staffing and Culture
 - meaningful training and professional development for parliamentary staff
5. Re-visit and review the rules relating to the disclosure of the lobbyist register and disclosure of parliamentarian diaries.