



Integrity in Politics

The Federal Government promised the establishment of a Federal Anti-Corruption Commission, then put forward an inadequate and toothless version of one, then removed all funding entirely in the last Federal budget.



In recent years, the Australian Government has moved between rorts and scandals with apparent impunity. Consequences for misconduct are rare, short-lived and insufficient. Politics is supposed to be a noble calling – an opportunity to serve. That this has become almost laughable in modern politics is a very sad state of affairs indeed.

If elected, I will support the establishment of an Australian Federal Integrity Commission, and support amendments to electoral laws to bring them in line with Local and State Government requirements. We can expect very little in the way of effective government if we expect very little integrity from the people we elect to provide it.

2021 has shown us, more than ever before, that we need robust integrity measures at the national level. I would propose:

- the establishment of an Australian Federal Integrity Commission, with wide scope and jurisdiction, a strong legislative framework, and best practice investigative powers;
- amendments to electoral laws, including caps on donations and spending, and bans on donations from the alcohol, gambling, tobacco and mining industries; and
- truth in political advertising laws.