

STATEMENT By Chairperson, NSW Electoral Commission

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Political parties and elected members eligible for public funding

The NSW Electoral Commission has authorised payment of public monies from the Administration Fund and Policy Development Fund to the following parties and elected members:

Recipient	Fund	Date authorised	Amount
Alexander Greenwich	Administration Fund	18/05/2016	\$27,211.53
Australian Labor Party	Administration Fund	2/06/2016	\$364,937.50
Building Australia	Policy Development Fund	4/04/2016	\$11,500.00
Voluntary Euthanasia Party	Policy Development Fund	11/05/2016	\$2,366.26
Socialist Alliance	Policy Development Fund	18/05/2016	\$11,500.00

The amount paid to the above recipients is the amount of admissible verified expenditure. The amount does not exceed the maximum entitlement permitted. A recipient is entitled to payment when all the relevant criteria prescribed in the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981* (the Act) have been met, including that the recipient does not have any outstanding declarations of political donations and electoral expenditure.

To account for the receipt and use of public money, political parties, elected members and candidates must submit a declaration disclosing expenditure incurred. Most claims and declarations comply with the requirements of the Act. Where an error or omission has occurred, a recipient is generally given the opportunity to comply or rectify the error or omission.

The information claimed and declared by the above recipients is available for public inspection at the offices of the NSW Electoral Commission.

Confidence in the electoral system and the Commission's role as regulator of public funding are vital. The administration of the election funding, expenditure and disclosure scheme promotes campaign finance transparency and compliance with the law.

More information about public funding claims is available at:

http://www.office.elections.nsw.gov.au/fd/public_funding

About the NSW Electoral Commission

In December 2014, the 3 member NSW Electoral Commission was constituted. It is separate to the agency led by the Electoral Commissioner. The Commission is an independent, statutory authority. It approves public funding to political parties and others, and enforces provisions of three NSW Acts. These provisions govern electoral funding, expenditure and disclosures, the conduct of State elections and the lobbying of government officials. The Commission's Chairperson is the Hon Keith Mason AC QC, a former President of the NSW Court of Appeal (1997-2008). Information about this independent Commission's work is at:

http://www.office.elections.nsw.gov.au/about_us/work_of_the_commission