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Statement on AEC donor disclosure – Dr Sophie Scamps MP

Following the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) donor disclosure today, I want to again publicly thank the 826 donors who so generously gave directly to my election campaign. They helped to make history at the 2022 federal election and played a pivotal part in reshaping politics in Australia – for the better, forever.

These donors joined the 1,200 local volunteers and tens of thousands of Mackellar locals who voted independent at the last election – believing in the power of community and a better way of being represented.

I am also incredibly thankful to the 11,200 people from around Australia, including 490 from Mackellar, who donated to Climate200, and of course for the support provided by Climate 200 who put their faith in the people of Mackellar and our passion for change.

As outlined in the AEC's donation disclosures, my campaign received a total of \$1,558,961 in donations. Of this amount, \$779,336 came from 826 community donors, while Climate200 donated \$779,625 to my campaign after pledging to match community donations dollar for dollar.

The fact that 66 per cent of the donations I received during the election campaign were \$100 or less, while a third (33%) were \$50 or less, shows the extent to which my campaign was driven and powered by the community.

Independents face an electoral system stacked against them. The political system in Australia continues to favour the major parties who rely on donations from big business – including the fossil fuel industry – unions and lobby groups to entrench their power. Community donors, such as the 826 who gave to my campaign directly and the thousands who gave to Climate 200, helped community-backed independents around Australia to level the playing field and genuinely challenge the major parties.

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Dr Sophie Scamps MP's campaign donations – the facts

- Total donations = \$1,558,961
- Total donations received from community = \$779,336
- Total community donors = 826 donors made 1273 donations
- 66% of donations received were \$100 or less
- 33% of donations received were \$50 or less
- Total community donors above the disclosure threshold = 3
- Total donations received from Climate200 = \$779,625
- Total Climate200 donors (11,200 in total) from Mackellar = 490 (Fourth highest of any electorate other than Warringah, Kooyong and North Sydney)