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Statement on the Victorian Government's New Donations Laws

Quotes attributable to Shima Ibuki:

The Allan Labor government's new campaign finance laws are even worse than the legislation struck out by the High Court two months ago.

Under the new laws, the Labor and Liberal parties are helping themselves to \$3 million dollars each of additional public money. That is money being taken straight from the pockets of Victorian taxpayers.

The Greens are no different to the major parties, with their vote having been bought with \$600k of new subsidies from Victorian taxpayers.

I will have to hand back \$40,000 in campaign support and \$140,000 in administrative support, which were crowdfunded by 33,000 donors to Climate 200. Failure to hand back these donations, funded by thousands of small donors, will result in criminal action against me.

This leaves my campaign bankrupt, while the major parties are filling their election war chests with taxpayers' money.

The Allan government donation laws do nothing but diminish democracy. All the while, shoring up the major parties with millions of dollars of money, pinched from the pockets of hardworking Victorians.

I will not be surprised if this leads to another High Court challenge.

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