

# STATEMENT

## By Chairperson, NSW Electoral Commission

1 July 2016

### Political parties eligible for public funding

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

Recipient	Fund	Date Authorised	Amount
Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	Administration Fund	3/06/2016	\$58,587.50
National Party of Australia - NSW	Administration Fund	9/06/2016	\$51,142.22
Australian Cyclists Party	Policy Development Fund	16/06/2016	\$15,179.76

The amount payable to the parties is the amount of admissible expenditure that was stated in their respective claims. The amount does not exceed the maximum entitlement permitted. A recipient is entitled to payment when all the relevant criteria prescribed in the *Electoral 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.

Public monies claimed are distributed to a recipient following a decision by the 3 member NSW Electoral Commission.

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 parties is available for public inspection at the offices of the NSW Electoral Commission.

*"The administration of the election funding, expenditure and disclosure scheme promotes campaign finance transparency, and compliance is required. Confidence in the Commission's role as regulator of public funding for parties and candidates is vital,"* said the Chairperson, the Hon Keith Mason AC QC.

More information about public funding claims is available at:  
[http://www.office.elections.nsw.gov.au/fd/public\\_funding](http://www.office.elections.nsw.gov.au/fd/public_funding)

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**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](http://www.office.elections.nsw.gov.au/about_us/work_of_the_commission)