

Figure 1: Electoral expenditure caps in place around Australia

		Queensland	New South Wales	Australian Capital Territory	South Australia	Northern Territory	Tasmania
Jurisdiction details	Seats in lower house	93 (unicameral)	93	25 (unicameral)	47	25 (unicameral)	25
	Average voters per seat	37,576	58,000	12,240	26,951	5,600	2,142
Registered parties	Seat	\$95,964.09	\$132,600	\$42,750	\$83,635 for each House of Assembly district in which they endorse a candidate. The party must allocate a portion of this cap to each candidate, and the allocated amount cannot exceed \$111,513. If a party endorse candidates for both the Assembly and the Council, they are allocated an additional \$111,513 per candidate to a maximum of \$557,565)	\$40,800	Banned in Council elections
	Overall maximum cap	\$8,924,652	\$12,331,800	(\$1,068,750 district cap x	\$557,565 (party that endorses	\$1,020,000	

		(district cap x number of districts where party has endorsed a candidate)	(district cap x number of electoral districts where party has endorsed a candidate)	number of electoral districts where party has endorsed a candidate)	candidates for the Legislative Council only)	(district cap x number of districts where party has endorsed a candidate)	
			*additional cap for parties and third party campaigners in relation to general elections for Assembly seats, for electoral expenditure incurred substantially for the purposes of the election in a particular electoral district: \$66,400 within the party's overall cap				
Endorsed candidates		\$60,499.10	\$132,600 (Legislative Assembly only)	Whether a cap is in place depends on whether expenditure by endorsed candidates would constitute expenditure "on behalf of"	See above explanation of party cap in Assembly elections (Legislative Council expenditure by candidate [distinct from party] appears	There appears to be no cap in place: we are seeking clarification from the NT Electoral Commission on this point.	\$18,500 (in Council elections)

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Independents		\$90,748.65	\$198,700 (Legislative Assembly only)	\$42,750	\$111,513 (Legislative Assembly); \$139,392 (Legislative Council ungrouped candidates); \$557,565 (unendorsed group of Legislative Council candidates)	\$40,800	\$18,500 (o Council elections)
Third parties	Seat	\$90,748.65	\$26,700 *additional cap for parties and third party campaigners in relation to general elections for Assembly seats, for electoral expenditure incurred substantially for	\$42,750	-	-	-

			the purposes of the election in a particular electoral district				
	Overall	\$1,043,087.97	-	-	-	-	-
	Registration threshold/disclosure threshold where registration not required	Any person who incurs electoral expenditure must disclose these to the ECQ when the cumulate amount exceeds \$1,000. If a person or entity intends to, or actually does, incur expenditure of more than \$6,000, they must register	\$2,000	\$1,000	-	-	-
Associated entities		aggregated with party/candidate cap	aggregated with party/candidate cap	\$42,750	-	aggregated with party cap	-