

# Political contributions and engagement



Macquarie supports democratic systems of government and believes it needs to be engaged and understand the evolving policy and regulatory environments in Australia and other jurisdictions in which we operate as these impact our business, as well as our clients' businesses.

As a listed financial institution operating in highly-regulated industries, we have a responsibility to our shareholders, clients, counterparties and employees to understand and contribute to public policy and to ensure that our organisation and operating environments are well understood by parliamentarians and policy makers. Additionally, our clients, many of whom also operate in regulated industries, expect us to have detailed current knowledge of public policy issues and drivers when we provide advice and services to them.

Ways in which Macquarie participates in policy engagement include:

- making submissions to inquiries and industry consultation processes where appropriate. These may be processes established by parliaments or government agencies such as regulators, and submissions may be made by Macquarie directly or as part of a broader industry group
- engaging with parliamentarians and policy makers through avenues such as formal meetings, speaking in public forums and appearing before parliamentary inquiries where appropriate
- contributing to the advocacy work done by industry groups in key markets around the world. In Australia, industry groups of which Macquarie is a member include the Australian Financial Markets Association, the Australian Banking Association, the Financial Services Council and the Business Council of Australia.

In Australia, political parties are funded by a mix of public and private monies. As part of its engagement with the Australian political process, Macquarie provides financial support to the major political parties, primarily through paid attendance at events.

Macquarie has a full disclosure policy and declares all political contributions to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) regardless of any thresholds or other provisions that may otherwise limit the need to disclose. This disclosure is made by way of an annual return on a 1 July to 30 June basis and can be found on the AEC website (<http://periodicdisclosures.aec.gov.au/>).